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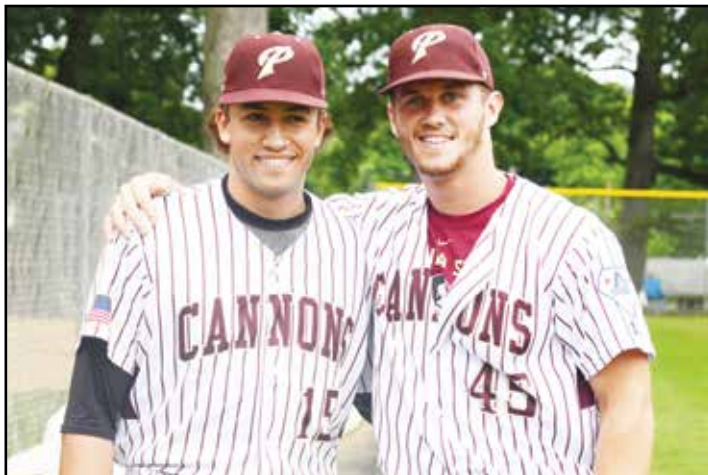
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July 15, 7 p.m. at home Woodstock	July 24, 8 p.m. away Woodstock
July 16, 7 p.m. away Front Royal	July 25, 7 p.m. at home Winchester
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Purcellville Wine and Food Festival July 16

Purcellville's 5th annual, Wine & Food Festival is an eclectic experience of wineries, breweries, unique foods, and a slice of Americana served up in the heart of DC's Wine Country. This year's event – with nearly 30 vendors – will offer expanded activities and contests for both adults and children. Tickets are available online with tiered pricing. The VIP experience provides early entry into the festival at 2 p.m., reserved seating for eight, eight wine glasses, 16 tasting tickets and 4 bottles of wine. Online ticket sales and more information are available at: www.PurcellvilleWineandFood.com.

Musical guests are Andy Hawk & The Train Wreck Endings, the Greenbeets, and the Colin Thompson Band. Wine and food vendors include many new exhibitors, including the delicious and fun Nomini Bay Oyster Company a farmed oyster ranch that will serve raw and char-broiled oysters shucked to order. Oysters are the new sushi, and connoisseurs across the country are binging on oysters. The trend is in part due to the rapid growth of oyster farms whose fare is meatier, not as salty, available year-round, and an ecological benefit to the waters and recovery efforts of oysters.

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Purcellville has hosted the Wine & Food Festival with thousands in attendance over the past four years. The venue has expanded to include craft breweries and unique artisans selling related food and wine crafts. The Festival is July 16, from 3-8 p.m. (early entry for VIP) at the historic Dillon's Woods at Fireman's Field. For more info, go to www.PurcellvilleWineandFood.com.

County Considers Major Density/Use Changes In Transition Policy Area

– By Andrea Gaines

In a process drawing sustained citizen opposition, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors met on June 15 to discuss major density and use changes to the Transition Policy Area. At the conclusion of the meeting the issue was moved to the Transportation and Land Use Committee's July 15 session.

Per the county comp plan, the TPA is "a permanently defined policy area" designed to protect Loudoun's rural west from the more densely developed east. While it allows for substantial residential and commercial growth, development within the area must be "clustered with 50 to 70

percent open space."

Fueled by increasingly aggressive development proposals to eliminate the density and use protections that make the TPA what it is, the battle lines are drawn. TPA communities want the county to make good on its promises to protect the area, and developers want the area opened up to more development. In a nutshell:

- **Developers want 4 Special Exceptions and a 30 percent increase in density for what would be the largest Harris Teeter shopping plaza in the nation.** The Braddock Road Harris Teeter developers want approval to build a 130,000 sq. ft. complex on land zoned for 105,000 sq. ft.,

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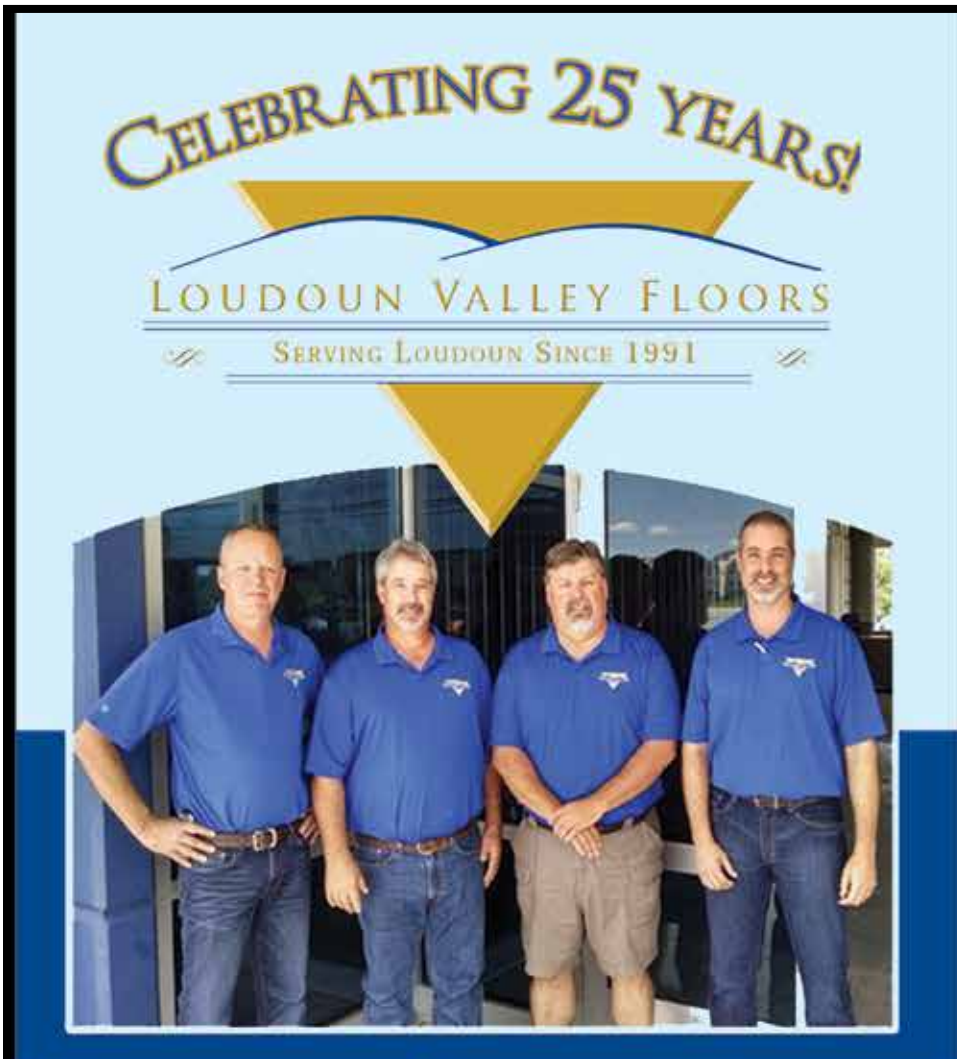
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ASK DR. MIKE

– By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

Dr. Mike,

At our insistence, our 17-year-old son is going to get a summer job. Well, that's what he agreed to, but we are two weeks into the summer and guess what ... he doesn't have a job yet. He's applied to two places online (so he says) but no phone calls, no interviews and no job yet! Any advice on how to motivate a mopey teen that just wants to play video games and hang out all summer?

Concerned Parent



Dr. Mike

Dear Concerned Parent:

While you “agreed” for your son to get a job this summer, finding a job doesn't seem to be a priority for him. I recommend that you sit down with him for a talk on the topic. First, be proactive and positive in your message; sharing with him that a job will put money in his pocket, will give him a sense of purpose and accomplishment, and will increase his social skills and independence, is a lot better than negatively telling him to get out of the house and get to work.

Second, your son needs to find a job because the job isn't going to find him, so I think you need to manage things more as parents. Yes, he can keep applying to larger companies online and wait, and wait and wait. Or, he can go on foot to fill out applications. The Ashburn Patch posted that it had 20 part-time jobs in Ashburn last week alone, and there are many help wanted signs hanging up in storefronts and restaurants throughout Loudoun County.

Why don't you make getting a job a positive parent-child moment where you drive around together to hunt out help wanted signs in nearby shopping centers; you could go fill out a bunch of applications and have lunch together. And keep in mind, the more applications your son fills out, the sooner he will be hired. Wishing you both a fun a productive summer.

Dr. Mike,

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Swearing In Of Newly Elected Purcellville Town Council



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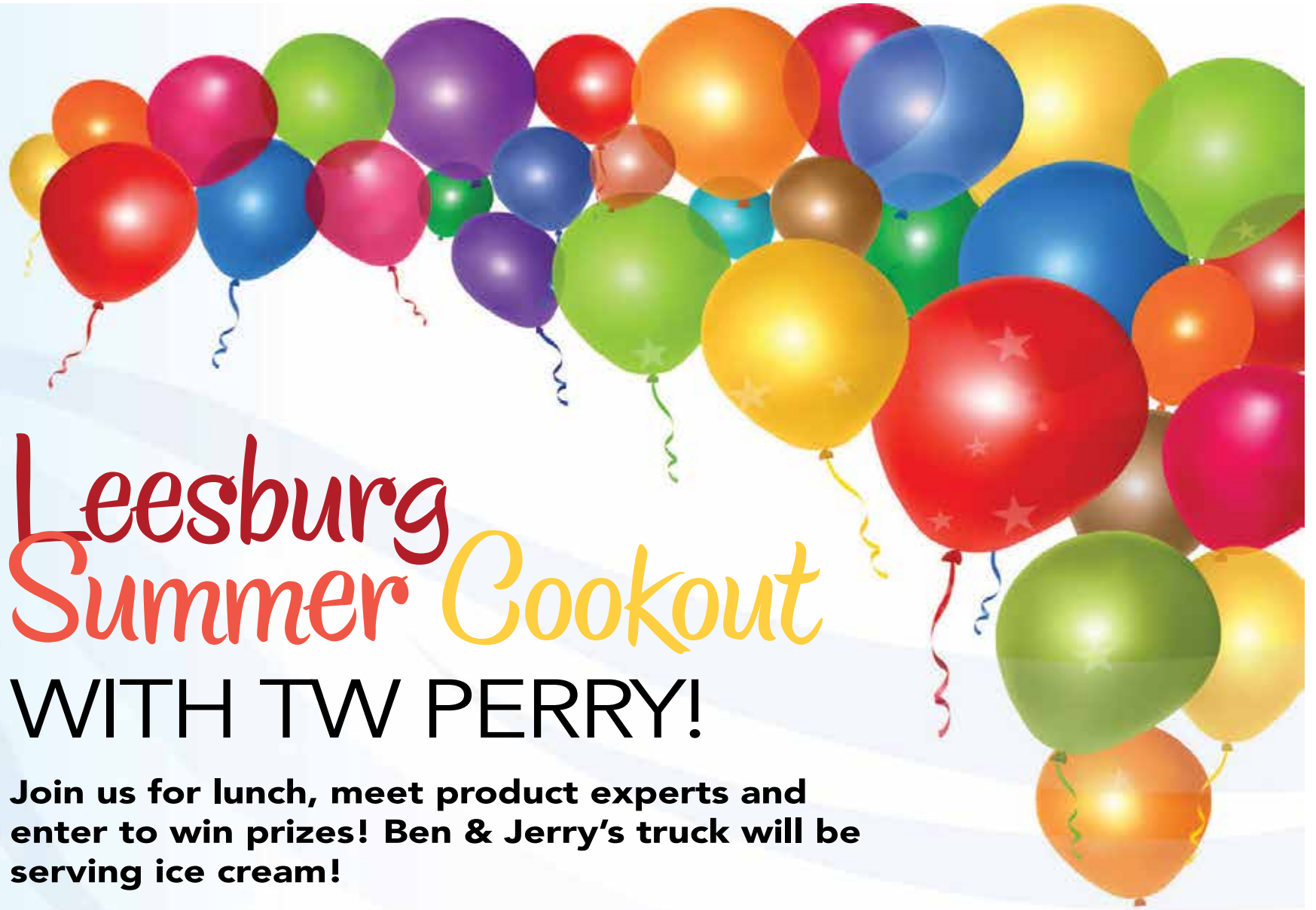
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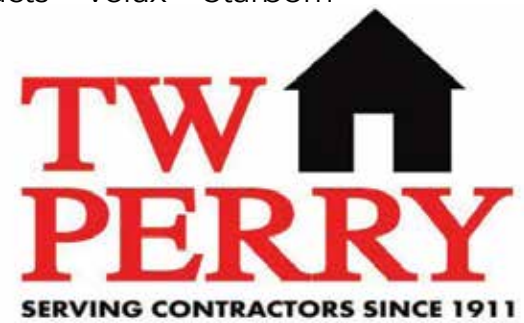
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Metro Money Mess Pushing West

— By Delegate Dave LaRock (R-33rd)

A local paper recently quoted Loudoun Board Chair Phyllis Randall as saying that in her observation “some of the concerns raised by the people who opposed Metro are coming to fruition.” Chair Randall’s statement is quite accurate. I, along with many others, vocally opposed the terms Loudoun signed on to. The yet-to-be resolved concerns which were brought to the previous board over and over again are mostly financial, but will impact future development in Loudoun.

While Loudoun’s Metro commitment is referred to by some as an investment, that is a stretch. Loudoun County committed \$268 million to build our shiny new Silver Line onto the existing Metro system, which is almost completely worn out. If Metro were a privately-owned business, it would have declared bankruptcy long ago. Instead it hobbles along, becoming less safe and less popular by the day.

By opting to partner on the Metro extension into Loudoun, taxpayers became a party to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Compact. That obligates Loudoun County to pay an unspecified share of the Metro funding starting when the Silver Line becomes operational in the County. The County’s estimate when it opted into the project in 2012 was for WMATA payments to be \$17 million in FY2019 growing to \$36 million in FY2045, a 27-year total of \$721 million.



Delegate Dave LaRock

Where will Loudoun County get all that money? For now, station-area real estate taxes, and gas tax revenue. But those revenue streams won’t scratch the surface when the big ticket items hit, such as money for ongoing operation, money for long-overdue bottom-up system rebuild, money to pay for the \$2.5-billion-dollar unfunded employee pension liability, and money to build the critically needed multi-billion-dollar new tunnel under the Potomac. Like it or not, these huge liabilities came with the package.

In preparation for Metro development, Loudoun County has initiated a plan to spend heavily on roads to accommodate Metro-related development, some of that development will take place on Dulles Airport property and be exempt from proffers. It is very important to note that in Virginia, with very few exceptions, roads typically are funded by VDOT or by land developers, not with county dollars.

Departing from that trend and taking on the role of developer, on April 5th of this year, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors adopted the FY17 budget, including the FY 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Capital improvements include buses, school buildings, equipment, etc. Approximately 38 percent of the CIP’s projected spending for the next six fiscal years is on transportation projects; this amounts to about \$723 million. Twelve projects in the FY2017-2022 CIP are directly related to improving access to Metrorail or to non-Silver-Line WMATA capital projects,

accounting for \$263 million, about 36 percent of all transportation spending. Those twelve projects saw a nearly 200 percent increase in funding from the previous year’s CIP, when they were slated for only \$89 million.

The twelve projects also do not include three additional Metrorail-station-area projects whose funding authorization was completed last year - another \$165 million. These CIP figures also do not take into account the money the County is spending on Dulles Rail construction costs, or operations and maintenance subsidies Loudoun taxpayers will be obligated to when Metro begins service to Loudoun County.

Loudoun County is in a tight spot. Paying for the Silver Line construction by taxing the developers who are profiting from Metro development is better than taxing people who never use the Metro. But by allowing more rezoning and development in exchange for proffers, you perpetuate a cycle which always leaves taxpayers on the hook. Well-established trends in Loudoun and elsewhere reveal that rezoning and the eventual new development create demand for new services and infrastructure which proffers never fully cover. By pushing forward with massive new development to provide revenue to Loudoun and riders to Metro, as a county we are digging ourselves deeper into a financial hole.

Loudoun supervisors see cash proffers as a valuable source of revenue to address the impacts of new development, impacts which would otherwise be funded through general tax revenue. I agree that counties should be allowed to protect taxpayers by accepting proffers that are fair and allowed by law. The newly revised proffer law just

passed by the General Assembly allows that. Loudoun favors having broader discretion to accept proffers in exchange for rezoning to allow higher density development.

Metro has a well-established history of unmet ridership goals and funding shortages. Elected leaders are not likely to admit a mistake like committing to partner on Metro under horrible terms; instead they tend to push forward decisions which try to fix past mistakes, in this case by seeking to stimulate proffer income and Metro ridership with new development.

The easiest, but not the best, way to make Metro in Loudoun County appear successful is to ignore the promises made four years ago in the run up to opting in, promises that new development would be non-residential and be confined to the eastern part of the County. Loudoun County taxpayers should not be the backstop for the Metro money mess nor should we allow our beautiful rural countryside to be overrun with development pushing west trying to proffer our way out of the hole.

Delegate Dave LaRock was elected in November 2013 to represent the 33rd House District, including parts of Loudoun, Clarke and Frederick Counties, and the towns of Leesburg (partial), Purcellville, Berryville, Lovettsville, Round Hill, Hamilton and Hillsboro. LaRock serves on the Transportation Committee, the Science and Technology Committee and the Education Committee. Dave and his wife, Joanne, have lived in Loudoun for 29 years, building a successful family-owned general contracting business. The LaRocks reside near Hamilton with Laura, Abby and John, the youngest of their seven children.

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Letter To The Editor

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I am grateful to you, the citizens of Purcellville, for engaging with me during the campaign season, taking valuable time from your day to share your ideas, concerns and vision for our town. Thank you for coming to vote on election day and helping to get citizens out to vote.

Your support for me indicates your resolve to have transparency and openness in town governance and to maintain

Purcellville’s small town character. I will work to encourage your participation and to have open and lively debate on all issues that affect us as citizens of Purcellville and Western Loudoun County.

As I finish my service as a Planning Commissioner, I’ve been asking citizens to get involved in any way they can to plan the town and help form its future. I will remain engaged in our Comprehensive Plan Review process that is currently underway, as a citizen and Town Council member, and I urge you to take part.

I understand that we have much to do to demonstrate to citizens the value of their participation. I will work hard to encourage and facilitate participation. I will advocate and vote for improved access to town records including meeting schedules, minutes and topics; work bids; developer applications; financial decision records; and improved ease for our town’s entrepreneurial spirit to thrive with storefronts and other means of accessibility.

I am deeply honored to have your trust and vote. You can reach me at 540 338-2323 or Nedim.Ogelman@gmail.com.

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Has AT&T Short Hill Project Gone Down In Smoke? A Timeline Of Events



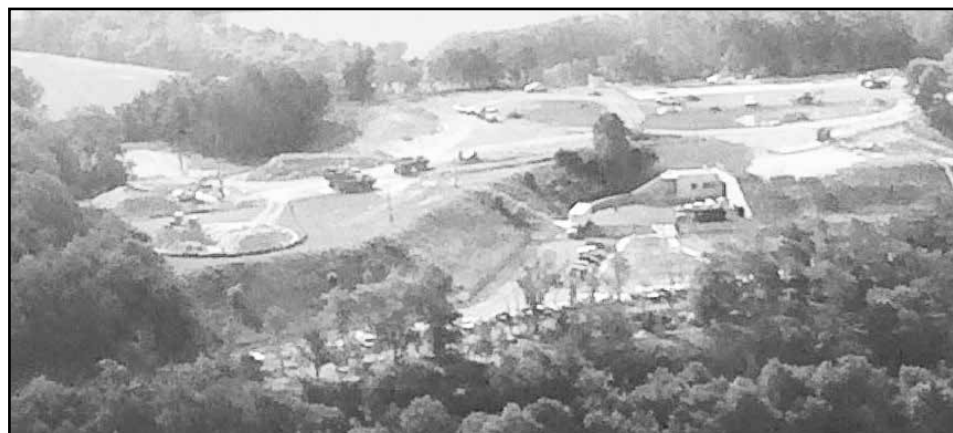
– By Andrea Gaines

On June 13 AT&T told the Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning it had “decided to suspend our plans to construct the proposed building as part of our telephone transmission utility substation on Short Hill Mountain,” requesting to “withdraw the commission permit application.”

The permit process – which started in 2015 – triggered a large and well organized citizen opposition effort. Citizens “worked the rooms” from the kitchens of western Loudoun to the county seat in Leesburg to Capitol Hill, where citizens meet with representatives from the offices of Virginia Senator Mark Warner and the House of Representatives’ Barbara Comstock.

On June 23 the Board of Supervisors voted to overturn the permit based upon the applicant’s withdrawal and not the merits of the case, which leaves things somewhat open. However, Supervisor Tony Buffington (R-Blue Ridge) said he spoke with the applicant who said they wanted nothing to do with Loudoun County’s permitting process at any time in the foreseeable future. Supervisor Ron Meyer (R-Broad Run) said they are welcome in Ashburn, “but to build it on top of a scenic mountain, I mean come on.”

This is a rough timeline of how the application process started and what happened along the way ...



Lots of recent activity on the AT&T site

August 17, 2015: Special Exception SPEX 2015-0036/37 Launched

In an email from consultant Christine Gleckner* (Walsh Colucci, Lubeley Emrich & Walsh PC) to Robert Brown, Loudoun County Office of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure Gleckner states: “Bob, I am preparing a special exception application (SPEX) for the expansion of the existing AT&T facility on Harpers Ferry Road near Neersville, and I am seeking approval to submit a traffic statement in lieu of a traffic study due to the limited trip generation ... please confirm a that a traffic statement is acceptable ...”

Brown responded that day saying: “Chris: A traffic statement would be acceptable for the project described ... and with the estimate of trips shown.”

August 27, 2015 – October 5, 2015: SPEX Applicant Submits Plats/ Revised To County



August 28, 2015: SPEX Applicant Submits Traffic Report To County

A letter from Gleckner to Brown states in part: “AT&T is proposing to expand its existing telecommunications facility located at 12355 White Rock Road with a 161,000 square foot building to house updated and modern equipment. As with other telecommunications facilities and data centers, a minimal number of employees are required to operate and maintain the facility and its equipment. The facility will have 60 employees spread over three daily shifts.”

October 6, 2015: Original Statement of Justification Filed By SPEX Applicant

November 17, 2015: County Fire/Rescue Has “No Objections” TO SPEX Application

November 18, 2015: Loudoun County Health Department Gives Go Ahead For SPEX

November 18, 2015: County Signs Off On ATT Traffic Statement

November 25, 2015: County “Unable To Recommend Approval [of SPEX 2015-0036/37] As Is

July 4th Update:

Despite its abrupt withdrawal of the commission permit overruled by the BOS on June 23, further research reveals a fairly constant pattern of activity at the AT&T Short Hill Mountain site going back at least 10 years.

In 2004 AT&T applied for a Special Exception Permit for the construction of a drip irrigation field to upgrade an existing onsite wastewater treatment system. The permit was granted based upon certain conditions, given the sensitive mountain side environment at the site. But, the upgraded facility was, evidently, never built.

Ten years later, in late 2014, AT&T was granted a permit for demolition/alterations of an existing 14,540 square foot tenant building.

In July of 2015, AT&T was granted a permit for interior renovation of a battery room.

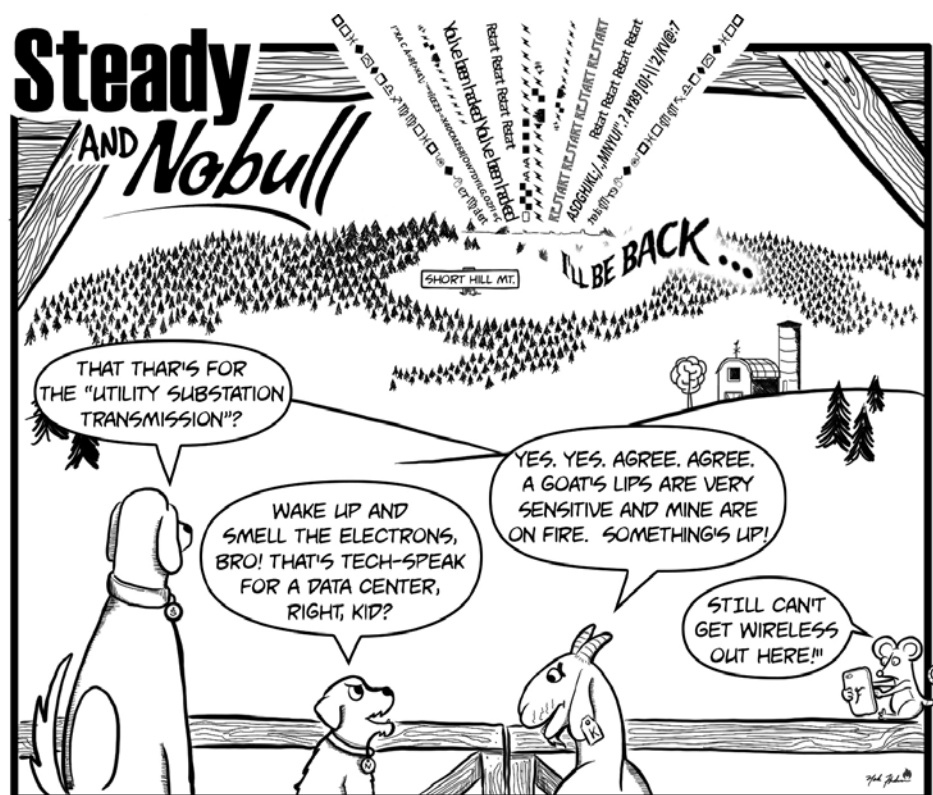
In October of 2015, AT&T was granted a permit for the construction/installation of “retaining walls, site light poles.” (no building identified)

On June 23, 2016 – the same night the BOS overruled AT&T’s permit – the tech-giant applied for another site plan amendment, SPAM 2016-0067 for grading and electrical work. This amendment is based on the 2004 drip irrigation field permit – the septic system upgrade that in fact never occurred.

Citizens have been advised to contact their representative on the Board of Supervisors should they have any questions about ongoing work at the Short Hill Mountain site.

Referring to SPEX 2015-0036/37, county planner Pat Giglio reports that “Plan policies support the expansion of an existing non-agriculturally related commercial use ... subject to performance standards [of the Rural Policy Area] to ensure compatibility with the rural land use pattern.” The memo also references the project as “one component of a larger network of infrastructure” serving the county/region/government, identifying “reliable wireless telecommunications and broadband service” as critical to both Loudoun county businesses and the daily activities of residents. But, planning staff is unable to recommend approval, needing additional “information and commitments pertaining to building design, mitigation of visual impacts, [etc.]” to demonstrate

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"conformance with policies of the Revised General Plan."

November 30, 2015: VDOT Gives Go Ahead for SPEX To Proceed

December 11, 2015: County Planner/Forestry Expert Poses Question – "Telecommunications Use Or Data Center?"

A memo from planner and forestry expert Brian Fish to Giglio addressing SPEX 2015-0036/37 notes in a section entitled "CRITICAL ISSUE – STATUS OF EXISTING USE" that "The Applicant should provide additional information regarding the status of the existing use and explain more clearly how it meets the definition of a Telecommunications Use and/or Structure ..." Fish also asks for additional information, including an explanation of how this is a *Telecommunications Use* rather than a *Data Center*.

Fish also emphasizes that any property containing large areas of steep slopes, any property within the mountainside development overlay district and any property subject to buffering and screening considerations, must comply with applicable standards.

December, 2015 – March, 2016: More From Forestry and Natural Resources

Urban Forester John Zuiker and Natural Resources Team Leader Ryan Reed advise planning that drain fields, storm water management, replantings, etc. must be managed to minimize loss of cover and erosion/maximize reforestation. Zuiker calls for greater clarification with respect to reforestation and other efforts, while Reed emphasizes protecting "Highly Sensitive" mountain overlay lands. In late March Reed says the applicant should "Adjust limits of clearing and grading to avoid 'highly sensitive' mountain overlay districts or a Special Exception will be required." (The project, which had started out as a special exception has been converted by the

county to a simple, much more streamlined commission permit process – CMPT, which requires less public input and carries far fewer restrictions.)

January 19, 2016: The SPEX Is Officially And Abruptly Changed To A CMPT – Simple Commission Permit For Expanded Use.

Giglio, referencing SPEX 2015-0036/37, emails planning and zoning's Ginni VanHorn: "After further review and discussion with the applicant this week it has been determined that the proposed use associated with the application is a Utility Substation, Transmission which is a permitted use in the AR-I zoning district." SPEXs are no longer applicable, says Giglio, but "The application is proposing an expansion of an existing use which was not considered in the original CMPT approval in 1962 and as such a new CMPT is required ... a determination letter will be provided by Zoning for the record next week ..."

February 5, 2016 – Consultant: Now That It's A CMPT ... It Can Proceed With Minor Changes/Approvals

In a February 2016 letter to Barney discussing earlier county comments on the original SPEX, Gleckner says that since her client was now seeking a simple expansion of a continuing and already approved use, overall compatibility of that use in this rural area was no longer an issue. Gleckner then quickly challenges each of the points addressed by county – building height, paint colors, reforestation, wastewater, mountainside areas, use, etc. Regarding the use, she says simply: "As a result of the discussions with staff regarding the existing use, the application is now for a telephone transmission utility substation, which is a permitted use in the AR-I zoning district. The utility use does require commission permit approval, however." The applicant is now focused only on meeting simple commission permit criteria.

February 10, 2016: Staff Determination – Use Is A Utility

Substation, Transmission, No SPEX Required

The county was now working to close the door on the SPEX while at the same time moving the permit forward. Five days after the Gleckner letter closing the door on the SPEX process, Project Manager Barney again tells Fish that it is the staff's judgement that the AT&T SPEX application is not needed. He also says: "Please note that this is not an Official Zoning Determination, as no formal request for a Zoning Determination has been submitted." (Note: If the action to convert the SPEX to a simple commission permit is considered an official zoning use determination, that decision is appealable by the public and/or others. Saying that this is not a zoning use determination takes the appeal option away from anyone concerned with the commission's characterization of this as an expansion of a current use [i.e. not a new facility or a data center, presumably].) The Fish memo continues " ... [but] a new Commission Permit is required for the proposed expansion of the existing use."

April 26, 2016: Planning Commission Approves Permit For 160,000 Square Foot Building

May 19, 2016: BOS Moves Its Commission Permit Vote to Its June 23 Business Meeting

By this time the AT&T project faces a firestorm of protest. Still, many on the BOS say their hands are tied; without a direct challenge to the use as Utility Substation, Transmission, individual members of the board say they may have no legal option but to simply sign off on planning's granting of the permit.

May 23, 2016: Community Information Meeting In Lovettsville Draws 240 Attendees

A vocal and large number of citizens turn out to oppose the granting of the commission permit and the process leading to planning's characterization AT&T's project as an expansion of a continuing use,

eligible for a simple commission permit. Says former White House Council on Environmental Quality official and local business owner Malcom Baldwin " ... this is a substantially new facility, not an expansion of an existing one ... Strangely, in February the applicant withdrew its November submission of two special exceptions for this project after discussions with the staff. So staff recommended Planning Commission approval with no public engagement from Catocin residents in which the project would lie ..."

June 13, 2016: In A Carefully-Worded, 1-Page Letter, AT&T Unexpectedly "Withdraws" Their Application

June 23, 2016: Loudoun County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously (with Supervisor Suzanne Volpe absent for the vote) to overturn the commission permit that would have allowed a 35-foot-high - 160,000 square-foot facility. Hundreds upon hundreds of residents had urged the board to deny the application for cause. Western Loudoun resident Malcolm Baldwin, for example, encouraged the board to take a strong stance saying, "You must not fear a lawsuit."

Sarah Stinger said that cancelling the permit based on the AT&T withdrawal, "is like a Band-Aid." Stinger continued, "Instead suture this ugly wound closed so that it can heal." The board had received two letters, one from the Communications Commission and the other from the Loudoun Preservation and Conservation Coalition, "which provide the legal basis you need," said Stinger.

In the end the board chose to overturn the commission permit based on AT&T's withdrawal, saying it was the safest legal option.

* Gleckner is an experienced planner and now private consultant for the real estate industry, having worked for the Loudoun County planning department for many years.

Purcellville Passes Budget In Hard Fought 5-2 Vote

– By Nathaniel Stephens

Sparks flew at the usually calm June 14 Purcellville Town Council Meeting. In addition to general business issues, the town's 2017 budget came up, with the Town Council voting 5-2 to pass it. Mayor Kwasi Fraser and Council Member Kelli Grim voted against approval, with Vice Mayor Patrick McConville and Council Members Joan Lehr, Karen Jimmerson, John Nave and Doug McCollum voting to approve a \$10.9 million General Fund, a \$540,000 million Parks and Recreation Fund, a \$9 million Utility Fund and \$1.2 million in Capital Projects.

Council Member Grim said, "There are \$418,000 [worth] of issues with this budget. We have had eight years of no solutions for the town." Grim also stated, "We know we have a problem with a lack of planning when a high level staff was quoted as saying, 'What happens if we don't grow or we don't increase rates? If we don't look at some kind of plan, we will be insolvent by 2021.'"

Grim then went through a list of suggestions for cutting the budget, including:

- **Market Adjustment To Salaries – Reduce By \$25,000.** "With an across-the-board raise of 3 percent and pay for performance bonuses, I do not feel that there should be select salary increases on top of that."
- **Compensation Study – Cut By \$10,000.** Said Grim: "University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Service has a Compensation Survey System (CSS), and for a membership fee [of] under \$500 a municipality can search for classification and salary of municipalities throughout Virginia that would allow us to internally update the last study done for Purcellville in 2006."
- **Records Management – Cut By \$10,000.** "We need to utilize the resources of the Library of Virginia, and eliminate another consultant service," said Grim. "If we have a staff deficiency, then we need to address that problem."
- **Paralegal – Cut By \$33, 609.** "Our outside attorney fees continue to rise

to a level above the salary ... we are paying our town attorney."

- **Police, Office Manager And Vehicle Replacement – Cut By \$165,000.** "This can wait until next year," said Grim. "The person doing the job has not retired, this department has received more new vehicles over the past 2 years than any other department, and with the new mechanic on board we should be experiencing an increase in the life expectancy of our vehicles. And, to add to the rising costs, we have rented our police department space for 10 years now, and have just had to sign a 3-year extension that included expansion and over \$30,000 in renovations to the space."
- **Assistant Director Of Public Works – Cut \$81,000.** "Reduce this position to a project manager position or upgrade either one or both part time positions to full time. The advantage of upgrading the part time positions is that they can get paid partially out of the VDOT revenue sharing for VDOT projects that they are working on, or [from] water sewer funds," said Grim.
- **Public Works/Water, Vehicle Replacement – Cut \$41,000.** "This purchase can wait one more year, so [a] new council can better evaluate overall needs," said Grim.

Council Member McCollum pointed out that it was too late to make changes to the June 30 budget deadline. "This is a long term discussion and it requires analysis and you simply cannot come up to staff at the eleventh hour and ask them to come up with ideas to meet your expectations," he said.

Grim said, "We are not talking about decreasing staff and I understand that we are at the eleventh hour and a budget needs to be passed but I do not support it and I won't. This budget is irresponsible with taxpayer's money and over the past eight years we have had time for a plan but there is no plan. Everything from the budget narrative to the consultant gives only the option of growth. There are chart specs and many other things not being presented to council that I have had to ask for. So, the consultant is directing us

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An Overview: Purcellville Planning Commission – June

– By Nathaniel Stephens

On June 2 the Purcellville Planning Commission met to revisit agenda items from its May 5 session, addressing talking points from the Comprehensive Plan Review and the adjustment of zoning ordinance language concerning streams and land disturbance.

Planning Commissioner Nedim Ogelman challenged the manner in which the consulting firm hired by the town to assist with the comp plan review had portrayed Purcellville's options in rewriting the ordinance, repeating his objections that all options presented by the firm had the effect of pushing growth. Ogelman stated: "one narrow viewpoint was presented at the expense of others, even though members of the Planning Commission including myself expressly challenged some of the assumptions behind the consultant's line of thinking early in the Comp Plan review process. My sense from the visioning exercise is that the consultants are framing Purcellville's future as a situation in which town citizens can only control development outside town borders through annexation, or we can only reduce debt and tax burden through increased density."

Ogelman went further, finding the firm's "framing of future development and current debt issues to be unimaginative and unhelpful in a town where people have given a loud signal through the comp plan process and the recent town council election that they want to investigate other options that will neither increase density nor raise their tax and debt burden."

Commissioner Chip Paciulli repeated his idea about amendments to existing zoning ordinances that protect vital streams and creeks that feed into river systems. Stream and creek buffers, or setbacks govern the construction of buildings, structures, parking, and other impervious surfaces in areas adjacent to major streams. Paciulli noted that he and Commissioner Stein have been

reviewing stream edge setbacks in the current zoning ordinance (adopted in September 2009), and do not feel they protect the 100 ft. buffer.

The 100 ft. buffer creates a zone with a 25 ft. wooded area on either bank to protect smaller streams from construction disturbances. Commissioners Paciulli and Stein want to change the 25 ft. buffer to 35 ft., and create a mandatory wooded area within that perimeter. They also proposed adjusting the language addressing public utility installations and repairs, outfalls, road crossings and driveways. In a letter to the commission, Zoning Administrator Patrick Sullivan voiced concerns over the proposed changes because, for example, they would require Special Use Permits in some cases.

Commissioner Ogelman said: "The issues we are struggling with that Commissioner Paciulli is raising are a direct result of our failure to listen to the dominant voice of Purcellville's citizens by pursuing zoning ordinance changes before getting a clear signal from citizens about their vision for the town through a comp plan review. We made zoning ordinance changes prematurely and without sufficient citizen input."

Ogelman went on to urge citizens to log on to PlanPurcellville.com/Get-Involved/Visioning-Exercise/ and provide their feedback on a vision for Purcellville's future, to be included in the comprehensive plan update. The visioning exercise asks the public to evaluate possible guiding principles for individual elements of the comprehensive plan, and to prioritize these elements according to their importance. Three potential future development scenarios are available for public input in the exercise.

As the meeting concluded, it was decided that in the following meeting that Commissioner Paciulli would need to compile list of items he would like staff to address. The town's staff can then review and make suggestions for the commission to review and possibly pass on to the town council for a vote.

Dominion Power Relents On Controversial Power Lines Route

– By Andrea Gaines

Dominion Power has withdrawn support for its preferred route for new power lines it plans to build as part of its Poland Road 230kV Transition and Substation Project. The electric power giant has also withdrawn support for alternative routes A and B, telling the State Corporation Commission it is now prepared to support Loudoun County's "Alternative 6" route. This route starts at the Yardley Ridge data

center project, located at the intersection of Evergreen Mills Road and Route 606 near Dulles Airport. The route continues south from there along route Route 606 to Route 50, avoiding the stretch of Route 50 between Northstar Boulevard and Route 606.

The primary purpose of the new line – a single pole structure approximately 4 miles long with a 100 feet wide right of way – is to service the needs of an expansive new data center on land owned by South Riding Nursery.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors had sought "alternative alignments for the transmission lines that better correspond with existing and planned land uses [and] require the same or less right-of-way and cross properties that would be less impacted by the lines and associated easements ..."

Citizens groups, including the South Riding Proprietary had also voiced strong and persistent objections to Dominion's original alignment, seeking to protect that the Route 50 corridor as a gateway to

Loudoun's wine country, and other rurally-focused economic assets.

Responding to the community and the county's very serious engagement on the issue, Dominion's letter to the SCC on its decision to withdraw stated in part: "The Company agrees that based on discussions with the Yardley Ridge Property Owner and NOVEC, and subject to them receiving County and VDOT approvals, the Company can support the County Alternative 6 alignment as it crosses the Yardley Ridge property."

Amy And Dan Smith's Planning For Life Time To Add Discipline To Your Good Money Habits

– By Amy and Dan Smith

For many, their 30's is a time to build a family and a stronger financial future

That 30th birthday can be a somewhat traumatic event, but with people living longer, they say 50 is the new 30. If that's the case, then you're just a kid!



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That doesn't mean, however, that you should be childlike about your finances. If your 20's are the years when you lay the foundation for good financial habits, then your 30's are when you build on that foundation.

By now you're likely employed in your field, possibly married or in a committed relationship, and thinking about building a family. It's important to factor in these life events when you are planning. A financial advisor can work with you to create a solid plan and provide objective guidance no

matter how investment savvy you are.

Your priority should be saving and avoiding non-mortgage debt. Without debt, saving seems easy. And there's a lot to save for: the wedding, starting a family, buying a house, sending your kids to college and retirement. Not to mention all the surprises in between. This is where the long-term plan you and your financial advisor create comes in. It's important to stick to it.

Another key element is to review your financial plans periodically to make sure they still meet your goals. If you are part of a couple, consider making "financial dates" with your spouse or partner to proactively talk about money. It's a good way to make sure both parties in a relationship are aware of the other's goals for the future.

ones from having to decide. What do you want to happen if you become seriously ill? A living will records your wishes and removes that burden from your family.

- **Name a guardian for your children, if you have any.** Who will be responsible for your children if you and your spouse/partner die? Protect them by legally naming a guardian.
- **Review your insurance.** If you've recently married or started a family, are life and disability insurance adequate given your new status? Also, the younger you are, the less long-term care and disability policies cost. It's also a good idea to review your auto and home policies to ensure your family and property are fully covered. You may also be eligible for package discounts.
- **Start a college fund for your children if you have any.** As soon as you are out of debt, begin an education fund. The costs for education are soaring, so the earlier you can begin saving the better.
- **Think about your future housing needs.** Is your family going to outgrow your house? Will your parents eventually move in with you? A separate savings fund for housing can accommodate these possibilities.

To Help You Get Started on your Journey, Here's a Checklist for 30-Somethings:

Save for retirement. Are you taking advantage of the retirement plan offered by your employer? It allows you to invest a portion of every paycheck before taxes – or after taxes in the case of a Roth 401(k). While you're at it, analyze other employer benefits. Are you taking advantage of all the benefits your employer offers? Look at everything, form flexible spending accounts to group discounts.

Pay off personal debt. Have you paid off all your high-interest debt? Paying off a credit card that charges 25 percent interest means substantial savings.

• **Write a simple will and also a living will.** How will your property be handled if you die? A simple will can keep your loved

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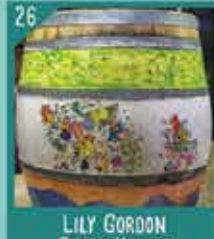
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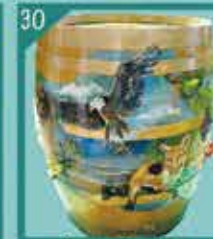
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Previous winner, Aldie Mill

Nominations may include, but are not limited to: Restoration work (including interior projects), educational workshops and displays, interpreted cultural landscapes, and other significant undertakings to preserve the heritage of Loudoun County.

The JARB is composed of representatives from the architectural review boards in Leesburg, Middleburg, Purcellville, and Loudoun County. Collectively, these boards review work in ten locally-designated historic districts. The JARB recognizes projects that have made a positive and lasting contribution to the preservation of heritage resources in Loudoun County.

The JARB recognizes that extensive preservation efforts are being made outside of locally designated historic districts and seeks to recognize these exceptional projects as well. For the fifth year, the JARB welcomes nominations from the public for the "Community Blue Ribbon

Award." Citizens are encouraged to nominate preservation projects anywhere in the county. Projects in the Community Blue Ribbon category must be completed at the time of nomination. Past Blue Ribbon award winners include: The memorial wall at Frederick Douglass Elementary School, restoration of the Lucketts Community Center, extensive renovation and restoration projects at several private residences, the Aldie Mill, and the restoration of the Davis Mansion at Morven Park.

Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday, August 12, to the Department of Planning and Zoning (Attention: Lauren Murphy), 1 Harrison Street, S.E., MS #62 Leesburg, VA 20175 or to Lauren.Murphy@loudoun.gov. Electronic and hard copy applications will be accepted. The nomination form is available online at www.loudoun.gov/JARB. Hard copies are available from the Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning. Projects that were previously nominated but did not win may be nominated again. Award winners will be recognized at a joint event with the Loudoun Preservation Society in September.

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towards massive growth, but their own results show us, regardless of annexing, that the rates don't stop escalating. I look forward to July 1 when we will move towards having a budget that the citizens are going to be happy with."

Mayor Fraser said, "I believe there are many things we can do structurally. We have a charge back policy that had been charging back excessively \$500,000 per utility so that's \$500,000 for sewer and \$500,000 for water. That money is going back in the general fund and we have seen that increase in charge back over the years. Are we saying we have invested \$45 million in a waste water plant and we cannot obtain operational efficiencies where we don't have to significantly rely upon other groups for support in utilities?"

"From what I am hearing – you're asking us every year to increase our water fees by 3 percent and our sewer fees by 5 percent and going forward I see that increase becoming 7 percent. Where does it stop? What I'm seeing based on the information presented to me it never stops. My point is I agree with Rob [Town Manager] there isn't an exact science with this but even last year, with us sitting here, we selected to increase the water fee zero percent. You know what happened then? We were able to get more revenue and surplus than what the current model had projected for a 3 percent increase. So, I have no confidence in the model we have," Fraser continued.

Another point of contention was the

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– Mayor Kwasi Fraser

discussion on the sale of excess bulk water. Currently, the town sells some of the surplus amount of water to companies for pool and construction purposes – with a 40,000-gallon daily cap on water that sits unused. Council Member Joan Lehr wanted to raise the rate of the bulk water sale from \$11 to \$16 per 1000 gallons. Fraser argued that companies would go to other localities to purchase excess water if the rate were to be raised that high. "Bulk water is the sale of excess capacity. The idea is to utilize underutilized resources for added income to the town," said Fraser.

Lehr added, "If we sell bulk water to businesses outside of town then our businesses who purchase water at higher rate are subsidizing outside businesses." Lehr had made a motion to table the sale of bulk water, but ultimately withdrew the motion. Council Member Jimmerson said she would not support Lehr's amendment to the budget to table the sale of bulk water.

Fraser said that he is looking forward to lower tax rates and budget cuts when the new council members Chris Bledsoe, Ryan Cool and Nedim Ogelamn take their seats on July 1.

Opinion: Terrorism, Debt, and China: Oh My!

– By Nick Reid



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The world can be a very dangerous place sometimes, especially for a nation state such as the United States. Although danger is always present, the number and severity of dangers facing the United States has increased drastically in the seven and a half years of President Obama's reign. Without any further ado, it's time to take a look at the three most dangerous threats to the United States right now:

1. China: Known as the People's Republic of China (which is, by the way, neither a republic nor governed in the interests of the people), the PRC, or just China, this Asiatic power poses a critical and sophisticated threat to the United States. Despite considerable economic ties, decades of diplomatic relations, and public cooperation, China remains hostile to US interests. Much like Japan in the decades leading up to WWII, China sees itself as future lord of Asia, a destiny which the Chinese government and military see as blocked by the presence of the US military in Asia. Since the beginning of the modernization of its vast military, China has focused on developing ship-killer missiles and satellite-killer missiles, designed to cripple the US military by destroying the bulk of American communications systems and aircraft carriers early in any potential conflict. During the Obama presidency, however, China's actions have grown more brazen than developments of these weapons, as Chinese troops restrict freedom of the seas in Asia through new island bases. Did I mention that China is also a nuclear power?

2. The National Debt: Now, while the other threats on this list threaten America and our interests from the outside, our ballooning national debt threatens to corrode us from the inside. During the Obama presidency, this debt has almost doubled, standing at around \$19 Trillion today. And the borrowing of money to fund the ever-expanding leviathan of the Federal Government has gotten so pervasive that 46 cents of every dollar

spent by the Federal Government is borrowed money. The amount of debt racked up so far is so high that soon the interest on the debt alone will become the single largest expense by the Federal Government yearly. If the debt continues to grow, then the United States economy will collapse much like the economy of debt-laden Greece.

3. Islamic Terrorism: It comes in many forms, including, but by no means limited to: ISIS, Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Al Shabab, the Taliban, Hamas, and Hezbollah. And although different factions clash with each other from time to time about details, the ultimate goal is clear: to spread political Islam, which uses the religion of Islam as a framework for government. This involves the subjugation of women, the murder of homosexuals, the destruction of all things deemed "un-Islamic" (mainly Western forms of entertainment and education), and the destruction or conversion of non-Muslims. Although this motley assortment of religious fanatics and cold-blooded killers that seem to be characters straight from a Mad Max movie is currently weak and disorganized, Islamic terrorism presents the greatest potential to grow as a threat if left unchecked. For example, under President Obama's (ineffectual) watch, ISIS has emerged out of relative obscurity to destroy the fragile peace the Americans had created in Iraq, becoming the most spectacularly successful (in a morbid sense of the word) Islamic terrorist group in terms of territory held. ISIS, in particular, shows how rapidly Islamic terror can spread if not countered by strong military action to stop its spread (which the Iraqis most certainly did not provide). This speed and ease of spread is why Islamic terrorism makes this list.

This is, by no means, an exhaustive list of the threats facing the United States today. However, these threats, unless checked, will only continue to grow. This election season may very well decide whether this happens or not.

Nick Reid is a graduate of Loudoun County high schools and is currently pursuing a degree in geology and paleontology at the South Dakota School of Mines.

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along with 3 fast-food drive-thrus and a gas station, all of which conflict with TPA zoning guidelines.

• **Developers also want to add approximately 29 new uses on TPA land now set aside for open space.** These currently unauthorized uses include "agritainment," farm-based tourism, pet farms, eco-tourism and other uses such as tenant houses, barns and farm stands. While expressing some support for new private and community-related uses in open space areas – such as the addition of a tenant house – dozens of speakers, including many representing the TPA's now well established HOAs, rose to

oppose both the Harris Teeter density increases and the use changes in open space areas. Referring to the Harris Teeter project, said Giovanni Coratolo, "They are creating a Taj Mahal." Pleading for reasonableness and respect for what the TPA is designed to do, Nancy Ragan said, "... Please don't compound the sins of previous boards ... just say no."

While it was expected that the BOS would vote on the proposals on the 15th, Supervisor Tony Buffington (– R Blue Ridge) made a motion to send the Harris Teeter request to the TLUC to allow greater citizen comment. BOS chair Phyllis Randall, in particular, although supporting Buffington's motion, questioned why there was no vote, as the public seemed to have spoken.



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Brotherly Love

– By Samuel Moore-Sobel

There he was. A small, innocent being entering the world for the very first time. Can I touch him? Nervously, I lean forward. He seems so perfect, so completely serene. He is loved instantly.

The last two months have been replete with graduations. Friends and relatives reaching this landmark moment which encapsulates four long years of academic achievement and hard work. Out they will go to meet an exciting world in which they will be tested; yet, the hope is that the lessons learned will sustain them in college, the workforce, and for the rest of their days. Admittedly, sometimes this is wishful thinking. Life has a way of beating down its most active participants. Yet there is one recent graduate who I have no doubt is more than ready to face whatever life throws his way.

I remember the day my brother was born as if it were yesterday. The excitement over a baby brother had been building for months. My mother spent hours preparing me for a sibling. She was more than patient with my incessant questions, a patience to her credit she has maintained even to the present. Though I could not conjure up the image of what it would be like to have a sibling, at the age of 3, I felt it was time to have someone else in the family. I always have loved an audience. Or maybe I just wanted someone else to love. No matter the reason, it was impossible to predict the many ways in which the trajectory of my life was positively altered by this wonderful new addition to our close-knit family.

I am proud that this once small boy is not only my brother but also my best friend. Noah and I have always been close from the very beginning. We have laughed together, cried together, shared life together. His wit and wisdom never ceases to shine through. Like the time he jokingly informed me of my unhealthy obsession with the presidency. When I asked him how to overcome this supposed malady, he flashed a smile and said, "Become one." Easier said than done.

It was with great pride that I watched my brother, Noah Moore-Sobel, graduate high school on June 16. As he stood on stage, I could not help but reflect upon the past. Many memories flooded through my head, too many to recount. Looking upon the life my brother has led and the choices he has made, I could not help but feel both awe and affection. Watching his beaming smile in response to finally reaching this milestone, I reflected upon his courage. After spending two years as president of his class at Stone Bridge High School, he courageously transferred to Rock Ridge High School in order to start anew. The reasons were complicated and completely undue to any actions on his part. Not a choice he would have made willingly if circumstances had not demanded it. He flourished despite the obstacles, and in the process built a legacy that is far-reaching, touching the lives of students across the county and even the world.

The past few weeks have seemingly been consumed with traveling along the graduation circuit. I attended plenty of



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graduation parties, listening to future plans and dreams. Many are excited, full of plans for the future. Yet doubt lingers. Perhaps they have watched their older siblings struggle under the crushing weight of student loan debt. Maybe they have seen the many young adults who have failed to obtain jobs after graduating with a college degree.

Despite the obstacles that await the Class of 2016, there is hope for the future. Sitting in the bleachers, I scanned the sea of graduates. I pondered all of the accomplishments amassed by the class, both collective and individual. It will not be easy, but the initiative shown by these students indicates a bright future. When we were much younger Noah made a habit of asking me in moments of doubt, "Can we win? Can we win in life?" I always responded in a reassuring tone, "We are going to win, I just know it." He would always smile. In that moment, watching him on his graduation day, I wanted to tell him he had won, with many more victories to come.

Being my younger brother is far from easy. There are moments in which I believe my brother feels that the outsized personality of his older sibling outshines him. After he was elected president of his class, a teacher told him, "Wow, you're a freshman and you are already freshman class president. You're just like your brother: A leader." Yet Noah has become a leader in his own right, serving in far more leadership positions than I ever held. He has grown into a man of quiet strength. His patience is admirable, best exemplified by his willingness to enjoy the journey instead of intently focusing on the destination. Observing my own goal-oriented personality has led Noah to warn more than once, "You can't force your narrative." He possesses wisdom far beyond his years. I guess one of his middle names is Solomon for a reason.

For his final news show, Noah gave a speech to all Rock Ridge students that had spent the last two years watching him report the news. He recounted how our mother sent him out the door each morning saying, "Have a good day. And remember, Rock Ridge should be a better place because you are there. Make a difference." Noah, you have made a difference, and for that, I could not be any prouder.

With all this in mind, I humbly offer a heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2016. May you enter the world with a clear mind and a kind heart, coupled with a steely resolve to face the adversity bound to come your way. Congratulations, Noah Moore-Sobel. Know that I will always be grateful for everything that you taught me, and will be cheering you on as this new exciting chapter is begun. Your life reflects character. May you never forget where you came from, while traveling to new heights completely unimagined. Your life is an occasion; rise to it.

Samuel Moore-Sobel is very proud of his brother and loves him dearly. He cannot wait to see the ways in which he, along with his fellow members of the Class of 2016, will make the world a better place.

To The Teen Who Feels Alone

– By Mary Rose Lunde

I'm going to do something real here and be honest for a second. In a society where telling someone your deep emotional feelings is considered weak, doing just that seems to be detrimental and could prove worse. Vulnerability is a dangerous thing and those of us who take the leap of faith and have an honest conversation with a person, be that someone you've known your entire life or someone you've known for five minutes, take the risk of making things worse. I'm not here to talk to those that are afraid of being vulnerable though.

Look at the friendships you have now. Friendships are relationships. Relationships are meant to be bonds that aren't broken. You need to trust these friends to back you up or they will think that everything is okay and probably won't notice anything because you're good at faking being happy. Sometimes it is okay to feel lonely because it pushes you to be self-sufficient. That does not



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mean that you need to be alone all of the time. If you are feeling lonely all the time, try texting a friend or having a phone conversation. They do exist still.

To the teen who feels alone even if they have friends I implore you to take a leap of faith and talk to your friends. They will understand and if they're true friends they will want to help you. They care about you. Please reach out to them. Find out what activities you enjoy and do them with friends. Bond and take a chance. Find the people that love and care about you and do stuff with them. Do what you can to not feel alone, find your friends and enjoy life. Don't focus on the bad, focus on what you have, the blessing of life and the enjoyment of it.

Please, if you feel like you're alone take five seconds to truly think about what you have in your life and the people that care about you. Are you alone then?

Mary Rose Lunde is an avid supporter in the fight to end depression and suicide in teens. She has seen, lost, and heard too many stories of hurting friends dealing with depression and suicide.



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Citizens interested in serving on any of the above should complete and submit an application along with a letter of interest and/or resume outlining your qualifications. An online application can be found on the Town's website at www.purcellvilleva.gov by clicking on the Government tab then Committees, Commissions, and Boards. You may also pick up an application at Town Hall during normal business hours.

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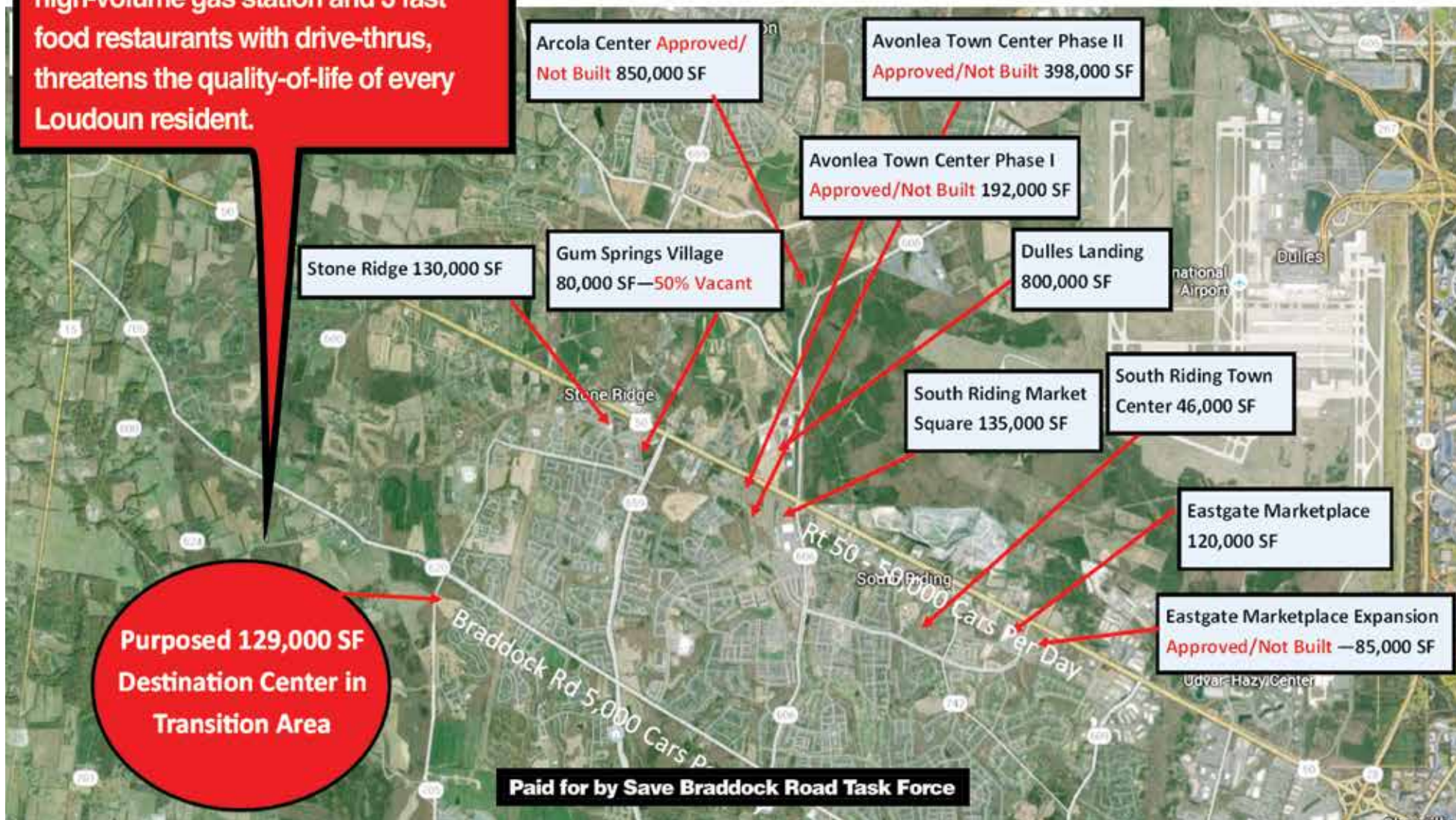


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Nature Gen Recent Trail Activities Update

Students from Loudoun Valley High School learned how to be Stormwater Stewards through hand-on activities in the classroom and on the Chapman DeMary Trail, thanks in part to a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. They monitored the water quality of the South Fork Catoctin Creek that runs along the trail; researched water issues, recommended a plan of action on how to improve the buffer zones along the bank, and then created informational materials to educate hikers on the trail. Students came up with six recommendations to enhance the riparian buffer in the pollinator plot located on the trail. One of the lead students, Jennifer Betz, presented the recommendations to the Town of Purcellville and the land owner. They will be planting trees and shrubs to enhance the riparian buffer in the pollinator plot close to the creek. The plants must be native, appropriate for riparian buffer zones and able to provide food and shelter for pollinators and/or be a host plant.

Thanks to a grant funded in part by the Captain Planet Foundation, The Nature Generation, along with Boy Scout Troop 961 and the Virginia Native Plant Society removed invasive plants that were choking out native plants in the pollinator habitat at the Trail and replaced them with



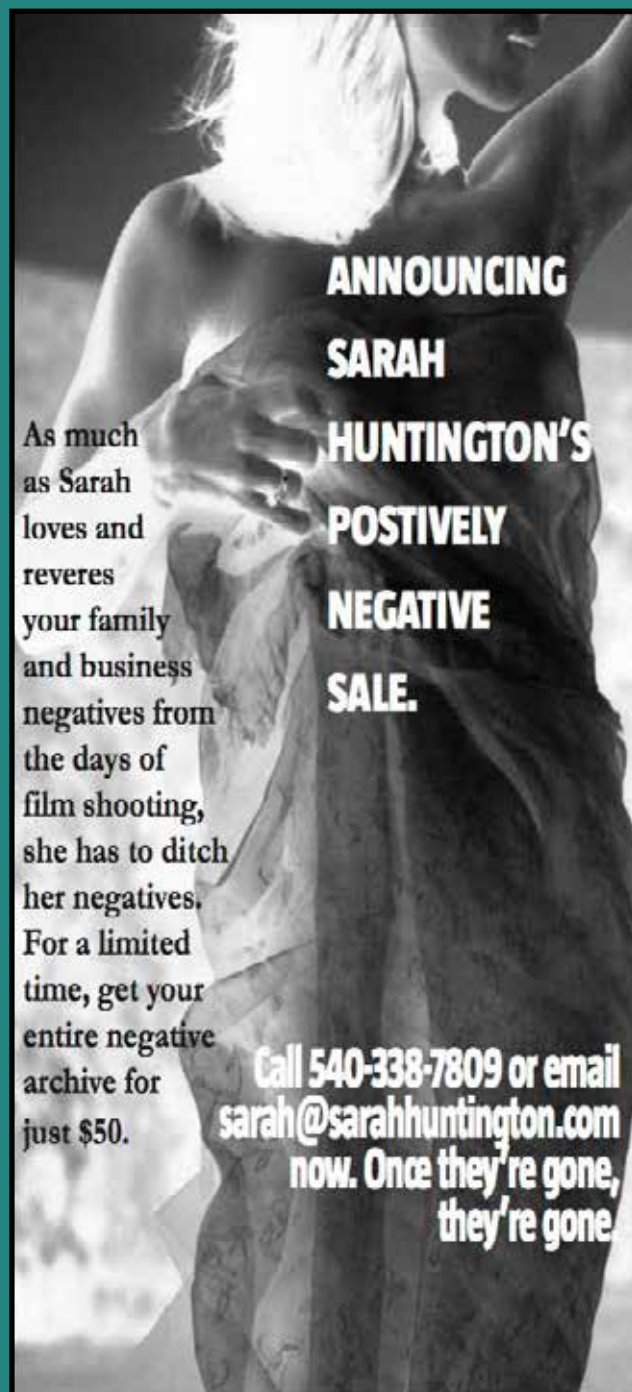
Weed warriors on the Chapman DeMary Trail

native plants to provide food and shelter for wildlife. This also enhanced the riparian buffer at a portion of the South Fork Catoctin Creek, part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Volunteers also planted 62 shrubs and flowers. In addition to making great progress in removing and deterring invasive plants, The Nature Generation established monthly Weed Warrior maintenance days at the Trail; an effort that will continue through the years. Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49adae28abf49-beamonthly to sign up.

More than 70 people attended the annual water quality Catch and Count Creek Creatures event at the Trail on June 4. Residents, students, and scout troops from Purcellville, Hamilton, Round Hill, Hillsboro, and Arlington, all helped test the quality of the water in the South Fork Catoctin Creek. Attendees also planted trees in the outdoor classroom area, enhanced the riparian buffer in the pollinator plot with over 60 new native plants, and picked up 15 pounds of trash. They also had a chance to test their water knowledge with The Nature Generation's water trivia game.

The stream was clear and the benthic macroinvertebrate sampling results show that the ecological condition of the South Fork Catoctin Creek is within the "acceptable" range. The discovery of small schools of darter fish was also an indicator of good stream health. The Audubon Naturalist Society used their Creek Critters app and based on different benthic macroinvertebrates and their sensitivities to pollution, the creek water quality was rated as "excellent." This is an improvement over last year when the samplings of benthic macroinvertebrates didn't yield high enough quality results to clearly indicate stream health. For more information, go to NatGen.org.

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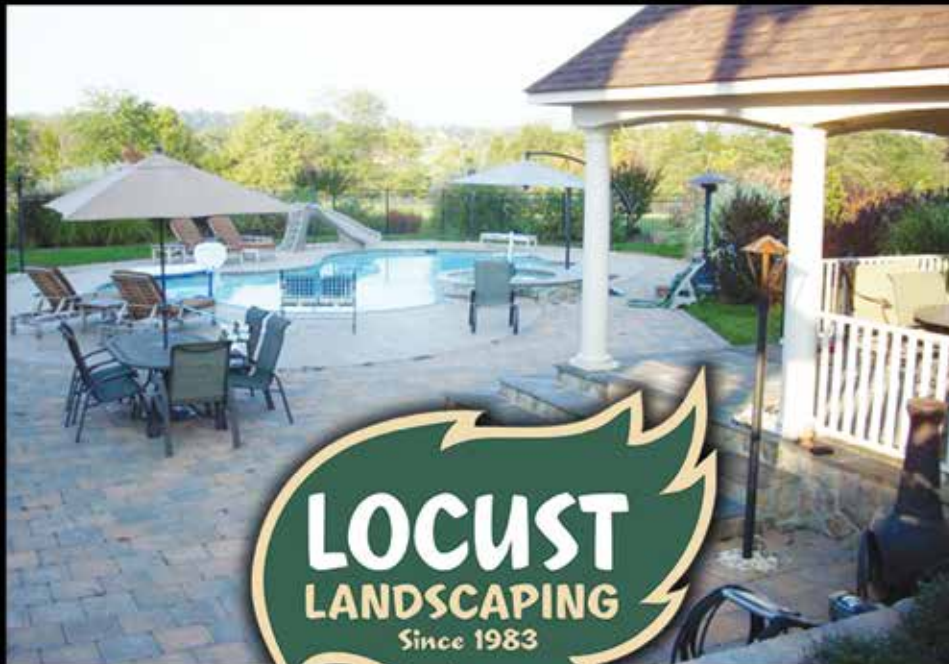
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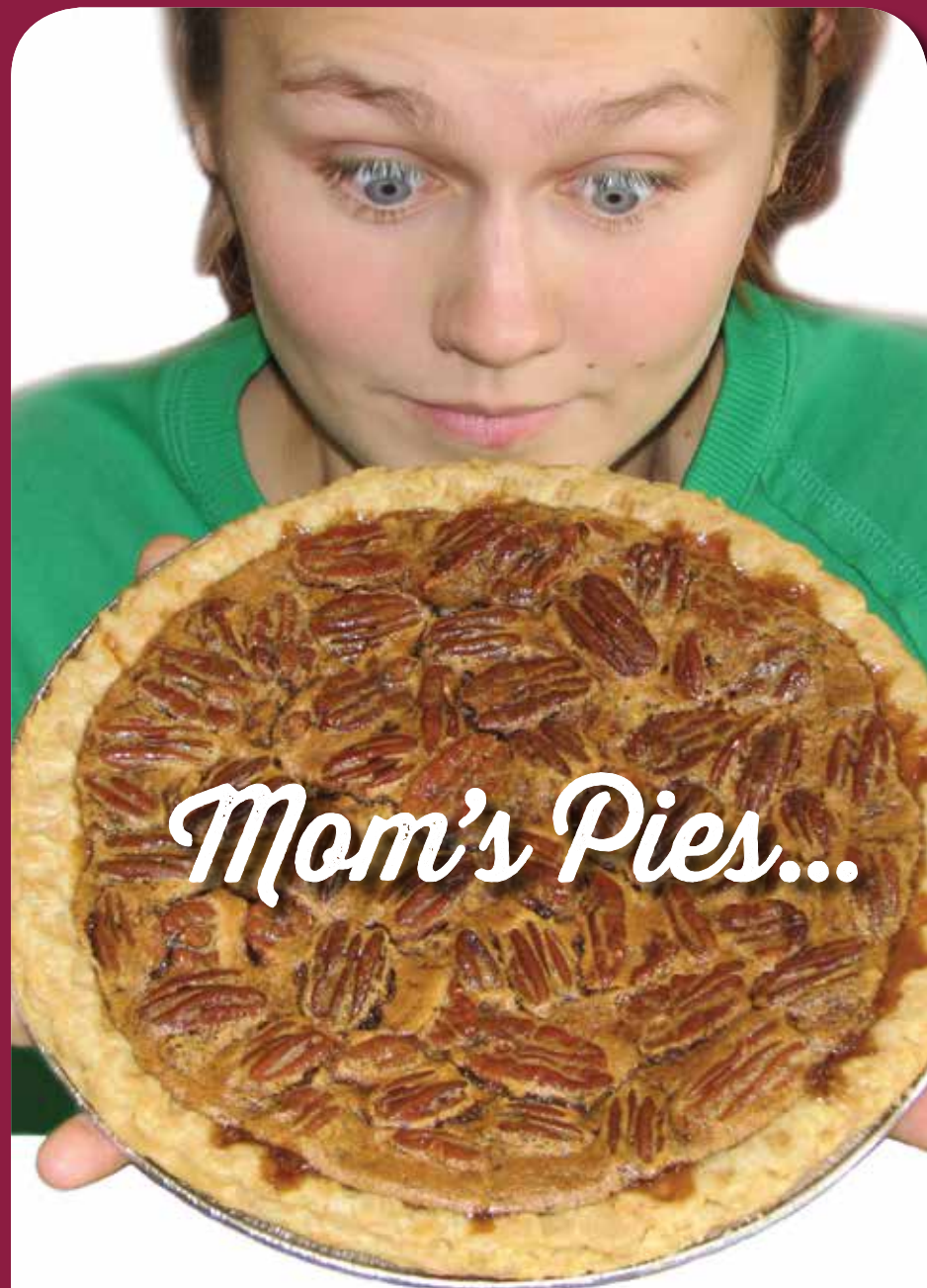
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— By Andrea Gaines

Every day more than 100 Americans die from an opioid addiction.

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Near catastrophe came for one young man just a few short weeks ago, who was saved by the quick action of VDOT workers, a fellow motorist, a trained sheriff's deputy who came on the scene and fire and rescue.

The incident happened on Hillsboro Road near Purcellville. The motorist, who requested the Blue Ridge Leader withhold her name, said this: "I was on Hillsboro Road in the early afternoon and one lane was shut down for road work. A VDOT worker came to my car and asked me to call 911 as it appeared that the young man in the car in front of me had just overdosed. The young man had a very faint pulse and appeared so close to death. Per the instructions of the 911 dispatcher, two VDOT workers carried the young man out of his car and onto the grass where we waited for the police and rescue to come. An officer from the sheriff's department arrived very quickly, and administered the drug NARCAN to the young man. The young guy bolted upright, startled, awake – alive. Then rescue did their work administering fluids to the young man and took him to the hospital. Everyone was so professional and caring."

The drug NARCAN, or naloxone is an "opioid antagonist," reversing the effects opioids have on the body, including depression of the central nervous system and the respiratory system. It has little to no effect on persons who have no opioids in their system. The drug works for 30 minutes to an hour, enough time to get the person lifesaving medical care. Said Sheriff Chapman of the Hillsboro Road incident: "This event provides further evidence that the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office NARCAN program is continuing to save lives. I am proud of our quick response in this incident and the difficult and diligent work our deputies perform every day."

Fatal overdoses of heroin have nearly tripled nationwide since 2010. In Loudoun County, the number of

fatal heroin overdoses increased nearly 400 percent between 2013 and 2014. However, the sheriff's office says that stepped up anti-opioid efforts resulted in a decline of fatal overdoses in 2015. The first reported use of NARCAN in Loudoun County occurred in February of this year, and saved the man's life.

NARCAN is now used by law enforcement agencies in at least 28 states, and the trend is to make the drugs as widely available as possible within the recovery community, the medical community, even through corner drug stores and pharmacists. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that the expansion of the use of NARCAN has prevented up to 10,000 opioid overdose deaths.

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Department announced last December that 31 deputies had been trained to administer a potentially life-saving dose of NARCAN. A pilot program testing the drug was launched in the department's Western Loudoun Station. Due to its large coverage area and other characteristics, a western Loudoun sheriff's deputy is often the first official to arrive on the scene of a potential overdose, as was the case with the incidents described here. Other anti-opiate abuse programs in Loudoun include:

- An expansion of the D.A.R.E. anti-drug educational program to 8th graders.
- Boosting law enforcement's ability to conduct heroin-related investigations.
- Partnering with the DEA on educational programs for parents.
- The establishment of a H.O.T. "Heroin Operation Team."
- Expansion of NARCAN training to all sheriff's deputies.
- Participation in a regional program to target dealers and users.
- Annual Take-Back days, which get unwanted/unused prescription drugs off the streets.

The fight against opioid abuse is both a personal and a public one. Everyone has a role, including the person in the grips of the addiction.

The individual we interviewed for this article wanted to make sure there was public acknowledgement for the LCSO officer who arrived so quickly on the scene and saved this young man's life, for VDOT and for fire and rescue. And to fire and rescue. "To the young man," she said, "We wish you the best and if you need help, please don't hesitate to reach out to somebody."

Jefferson Hill: A Quaker Reality Becomes A Preservationist Dream

– By Hannah Hager

The dream of living in the Loudoun of yesteryear doesn't quite play out like the West Side Story, but it certainly invokes a sense of pride in those who follow the setting sun on their commute home.

Much of western Loudoun was settled by immigrant Quakers whose lives revolved around the simple pleasures in life. Jefferson Hill is no exception, as this Colonial-style home was hand built using local timber and stone in 1746. Centuries later and the structure still stands, having been loved and cared for in a way that only pride can maintain.

Lest you think this home has passed its prime, hold off judgment until you step foot on its grounds. Enjoy both the morning sunrise and the evening sunset as your property has expansive, pastoral views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. As with most classic beauties, this structure has withstood the test of time while undergoing various nips and tucks to its aesthetic features.

Natural, wide-planked hardwood floors run throughout the home as do low-hung and deep-seated windows that provide plenty of sunlight. You'll come across four wood-burning fireplaces as you move from room to room, along with wood-beamed ceilings, crown moldings and stone accents.

Address: 38802 Hughesville Road, Hamilton
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Fireplaces: Four, wood-burning
Bedrooms: Four
Bathrooms: Two full and one half bath
Acreage: 15
List Price: \$1,075,000
Agent: Sam & Ray Rees, Keller Williams Realty
Phone: 703-408-4261
Email: onthemarketwithsamrees@gmail.com

This home doesn't align with the popular open floorplans found in many homes today. Instead, it's built with efficiency and purpose - every element has its place and the same could be said for its modern touches such as stainless steel appliances and recessed lighting. Not to mention it has four bedrooms for accommodating today's average family size.

Maybe you moved to Loudoun thinking you wouldn't become a part of its history (threadwork). Little did you know that it's possible to find a home that makes you a part of its history just by welcoming you to be a part of its lengthy past.



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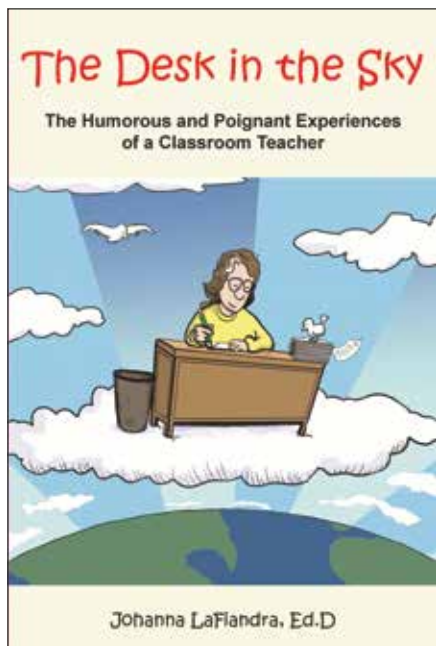
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Dr. LaFiandra has reduced the price to make it widely available to the general public. The book can be read with the Kindle, Nook, smart phones, tablets and computers. The book was recently reviewed by Ms. Rosie Malezer for The Readers' Favorite Book Contest. She wrote:

"The Desk in the Sky is a book of anecdotes written by Johanna LaFiandra, Ed.D. Making learning fun for her students had always been one of Dr. LaFiandra's chief priorities, as a child that enjoys being at school and enjoys learning is one who retains what they have been taught. Recalling her own very first two days as a kindergarten student, young Johanna had been forced to stand in the corner for the first two days because she had not raised her hand before asking a question. This left a lasting impression and, in becoming an educator herself, Dr. LaFiandra knew that making the student feel cared for and included was an integral part of the learning process. For over fifty years, Dr. LaFiandra looked outside the box and found ways to make her students enjoy what they were learning, even if that meant taking the lesson outside of the

classroom, thus producing high grades and happy, well-educated adults with the ability to think for themselves.

I cannot applaud Dr. LaFiandra enough for such passing down the secret to successful educating. Whether you are a parent or teacher, rewarding your child/student for doing well goes a lot further than simply punishing them for not succeeding or not putting your hand up before asking a question. I agree that children will learn more when they feel cared for, loved, important, and included in what is happening around them. Trust is also essential in being a positive educational influence, and "The Desk in the Sky" was cleverly written in such a way that I felt like I was in the classroom, right alongside her students. Dr. LaFiandra's ideas

on letting the class come up with their own ideas of fundraising for their field trips, and booking the transport and accommodation, were ingenious in also showing each student how to survive in the outside world before they had even graduated from school. I look back on my own childhood years and wish I could re-write them, with Dr. LaFiandra being the teacher in every single one of them. I enjoyed "The Desk in the Sky" and feel it should ideally be read not only by parents and educators, but also by those in occupations which deal with children of all ages, including doctors and law enforcement."

The title comically refers to where the school bureaucracy placed her desk during renovations because they didn't consider

her special educator responsibilities important enough to warrant a classroom. It is composed of 34 short chapters which detail her classroom life. Among the high lights of the book is the chapter entitled, "The Declaration of Independence" where you see how one student gave Dr. LaFiandra an understanding of what she needed to do to transform bored junior high students into the curious learners they had once been. Another chapter, "The Work is in the Toilet" comically shows how students learn from one another.

The printed version of the book is also available at Everyday Elegance in Purcellville, the Loudoun County Library System or at DeskInTheSky@gmail.com.

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Gruto's Soft Serve has been Purcellville's premier ice cream destination for nine years. Sold in 2015, new owners Donald and Erin Wilson have extended the shop's hours and added some exciting new treats to the menu. The Wilsons moved to Loudoun County in 2002 and have three sons. Their goal is to expand Gruto's service and offerings while maintaining the fun, local, family feel that Purcellville has come to expect at Gruto's. You will always receive a friendly welcome from the staff when you come in - and "See ya tomorrow" when you leave. Located at 141 W Main St, Purcellville Gruto's is open daily until 9pm-ish. For more information, go to www.grutos.com

Adams Promoted To Lieutenant

Lt. James Adams, from Sterling and a Potomac Falls Halls Graduate, earned the promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. Adams is a Navy Week and Executive Outreach Planner for the Navy Office of Community Outreach in Millington, Tennessee. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jamal McNeill/Released.



Buckland Earns Degree In Medicine

Molly Buckland, D.O., graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine on May 28.

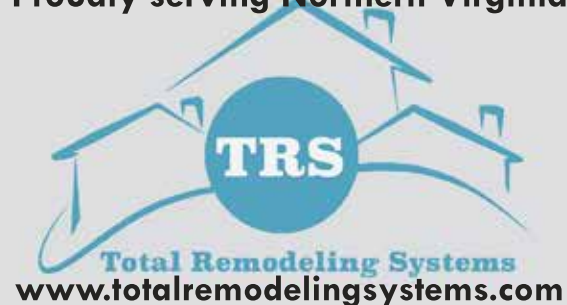
While at WVSOM, Dr. Buckland received the Dr. Roland P. Sharp President's Award and the James R. Stookey, D.O., Manipulative Medicine Scholarship.

Buckland earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and health science from Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., in 2011. She is a 2007 graduate of Westtown School in Westchester, Pa.

Buckland, who is married to Simon Buckland, is the daughter of Sarah Huntington and John Janney of Purcellville. She plans to work at Largo Medical Center in Largo, Fla.



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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2016

Woodgrove High School's Class Of 2016 Graduation

— By Amanda Clark

On June 16, Woodgrove's Class of 2016 was the 5th graduating class to walk the stage and accept their diploma. The ceremony was filled with anticipation as the chorus, orchestra, and International Irish Tenor Mark Forrest performed before the graduates took the stage. Mr. Shipp and superintendent Eric Williams gave a speech as well as Muriel Forrest. Many speeches were made reminiscing about the classes many ups and downs and there were



acknowledgements for students attending schools such as West Point University, Cornell University, and Brown University. The class was made up of 372 students, and of those 372 students 16.6 percent will be

attending a 2-year university, 61.1 percent will be attending a 4-year university, 3 percent will be in the military, 15 percent are not sure, 1.3 percent will be taking a gap year, .3 percent will be going to a

school outside of the United States, and 2.7 percent will be entering the workforce. co-valedictorians of the class were Andrea Patterson and Ryan Taylor. The salutatorian was Emma Gillies.

Loudoun Valley Class of 2016



Liz Manero and Jasmine Lu

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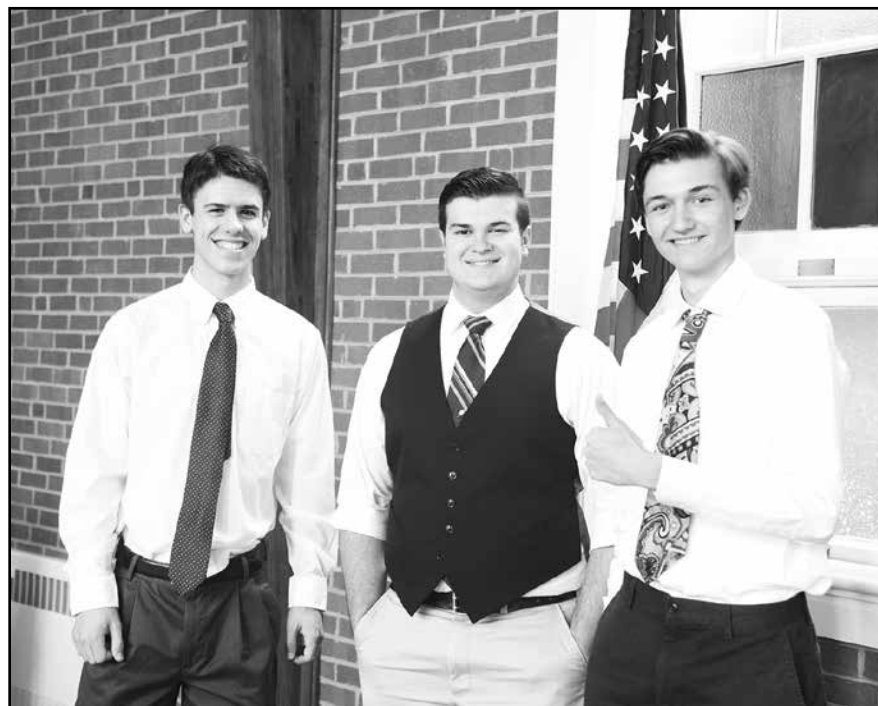


Heritage High School



Photo by Nadejda Flikova

Congratulations Grads



Congratulations to graduates, left to right, Andrew Wright, Jacob Benjamin and Wyatt Joyner.

OUT & ABOUT LOUDOUN & BEYOND

Music, Music & More Music



– By Andrea Gaines

Whatever your choice in music, taking in some bluegrass, jazz, opera, traditional country and more is a pretty easy thing to do in our area. Many local bands hop from one place to another as July, August and September come around, and national and worldwide artists grace northern Virginia with their talents, too. Here are a few better known music venues in Loudoun and beyond, as well as details on how to get tickets to schedule a great evening or weekend for yourself.

Franklin Park Arts Center: Franklin Park has something for everyone – music, plays, art classes, coffee house art & music, arts shows ... everything you could want for both children and adults. Perched high atop a hill with a beautiful view of Loudoun Valley, consult their Season 8 summer music schedule for more information. A sampling of upcoming performances includes a Band Jam Workshop, Ralph Curtis & The Nashville Importers – 50 years of country music, Main Street Productions' "Anything Goes" – the music of Cole Porter, and The

Immortals.

Watermelon Park: This place has it all. Located right on the Potomac River off Route 7 on the way to Berryville, this popular camping, music and water sports venue has been around since 1942. Famous artists playing Watermelon Park have included Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash and Bill Monroe. The long running River and Roots Festival blasted out the bluegrass last month and the Watermelon Park Fest, featuring The David Grisman Sextet, The Sam Bush Band, The O'Connor Band, The Revelers and more comes to town in September.

The Barns of Rose Hill: This unique, absolutely beautiful country music and theater venue is so close and such a fun place to go. Located in Berryville, it's composed of two, fully restored 20th Century barns. The Barns of Rose Hill offers art classes, music lessons, and all manner of great musical artists, including weekly, old-time bluegrass and Celtic jams. Coming up this summer: Locust Honey, Mile 12, guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto and more.

The Bristow Amphitheater: This large music venue with a super-cozy, personal

feel is in Bristow, Virginia, about 35 miles or so from Purcellville. This summer features hot national and world wide artists including Gwen Stefani, Def Leppard, Counting Crows, Kool and the Gang and more. Worth the drive.

The Bright Box Theater: Located in the heart of Winchester on that city's pedestrian mall, Bright Box has been rated one of the 50 best places in the country to see live music. Described as a smaller version of the old Birchmere (in Arlington/Vienna), upcoming concerts will feature Ragtime Annie, Bumper Jackson's Plank Stompers, The Reflex Ultimate 80s Tribute Band and more. Bright Box is also a very popular comedy venue.

Harris Pavilion at the City of Manassas: This often overlooked music and events venue offers great acoustics, comfortable seating – even family night movies! Coming up this summer: Adult Night Dance with The Silvertones Swing Band, military concerts with The US Army 257th Band, the US Navy Seachanters and The US Army Blue Band, and more.

Go Out & About – and Enjoy!

More Music Venues/Contact Information:

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Rest In Peace, Mr. Charlie – See You On The Other Side

– By Andrea Gaines

I love this photo of Charlie Clark.

Peaceful. Dignified. Respectful of all around him.

Mr. Charlie died last month at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Martinsburg, WV. One of the most well-known residents of our county, he was 108 years old. Think about what he experienced; 19 U.S. presidents, each of the wars, civil rights and economic struggles and American triumphs of the 20th Century ... and a glimpse at the 21st Century, too.

As a writer, there is no greater honor to be asked to write a tribute to a cherished person who has passed over to the other side.

That phrase was first used in the famous 17th Century book *Pilgrims Progress*, written by John Bunyan in 1684. In it, he



Charlie Clark

describes how a man, knowing it was his time, walks down to the river to cross into heaven. He is followed by his loved ones, who will say goodbye from the shore. Calm, and at peace, the man sinks down into the water and asks out loud, "Death, where is thy sting?" And, going deeper with an even stronger voice, "Grave, where is thy victory?"

And, what could be more true? In the wake of a long and meaningful life, this concept teaches us that while we will cry enough tears to fill the ocean, and bear pain tolerable only after many years, there will be no lasting sorrow. No residue of regret. Just a peaceful shift in our lives, sweetened with our fondest memories of Charlie Clark.

In the spirit of those words I wanted to share with you a handful of special

comments made about Charlie Clark. Some come from friends. Some come from family – including from the younger generation within his family, whom he greatly inspires. One comes from Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, and one comes from President Barack Obama, who met Mr. Charlie in Leesburg in 2012.

Ah. Rest in peace. Rest in peace, Mr. Charlie. See you on the other side. **Khalia Albury:** "I attended my great, great Uncle Charlie's 100th birthday celebration and I have a vivid memory of Uncle Charlie and his sister ... stepping out of the limousine; as a nine-year-old I was amazed by his age and that his sister was with him. I had come to spend the summer with my grandmother Deloris T. Williams, his niece." **Deborah Albury:** "Uncle Charlie was always a part of the landscape of the many summers I visited his sister, Lillian Clarke Thompson, my grandmother. There were many more

family reunions in the '60s, '70s, '80s [and the] Mt. Zion Homecoming ... Uncle Charlie, like my grandfather his brother-in-law, was a good gardener and his tales of his battles with gophers for rights to his vine ripe tomatoes became legendary. While you are enjoying your elders you never get to ask all the questions about how the world used to be because you are trying to see if they know about all the new stuff in the world. My Uncle Charlie ... was a man of many firsts and one of lasting impressions. My grandsons Khaleb and Jackson ... will benefit from his legacy of long life ... I am committed to telling about their great great great Uncle Charlie." **Congresswoman Barbara Comstock,** honoring Mr. Charlie on the floor of the House of Representative on June 16, 2016 said in part: "Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents,

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What Do You Do To Stay Cool?

– By Amanda Clark



“To chill out this summer I will spend a lot of my time playing music. During the summer, I have so much free time and I devote as much of it as I can to playing music.”
– Michael Preston (Lovettsville)



“To chill out this summer I will go to a friend’s house and borrow their pool, creek, or river and swim around them.”
– McCoy Schroader (Leesburg)



“To chill out this summer I will be helping out with the Bluemont fair and race as well as playing lacrosse and getting a job.”
– Annabel Kelly (Bluemont)



“To chill out this summer I will find places currently uninhabited/ abandoned/ secluded and read in the trees there.”
– Faith Ralston (Waterford)



“To chill out this summer I will relax in the sun and enjoy the nice weather.”
– Brian Chang (Round Hill)



“To chill out this summer I will enjoy the magnificent sunrises and sunsets of Purcellville, be outside in nature, watch the wildlife, and take care of animals.”
– Karina McGovern Chace (Purcellville)

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Here’s To Equal Ice Cream Rights For All

– By Andrea Gaines

Check me on this. But, isn’t it true that a great big spoonful of ice cream would taste just magnificent right now?

July is National Ice Cream Month, and we Americans have a long and personal history with ice cream – and with the patents to prove it. So, let’s celebrate. **A Brief History Of Ice Cream**

According to The Farmer’s Almanac, Emperor Nero enjoyed something like ice cream – shaved ice mixed with fruit. China’s royalty is reported to have enjoyed a dish made with heated, fermented milk, flour and camphor (a spice with a sweet licorice-like flavor). And, ice cream-like deserts were also popular with American colonists, who brought it over from Europe, the nations of which had probably gotten their ice cream basics from either Asia or the Middle East.

But, it was a Ms. Nancy Johnson of Philadelphia who deserves to have ice cream month – and the last century and a half of ice cream consumption – named after her. Johnson patented what she called her “artificial freezer” in 1843 – the basic mechanisms of which used a tub, an inner cylinder, a lid, a crank and a “dasher” (moves the mixture around in the cylinder as it freezes) to create the



sweet delight we call ice cream, today.

A Baltimore Maryland dairyman named Jacob Fussell is known as the father of the wholesale ice cream industry, he opened the first commercial ice cream factory in 1851. Italian immigrant Italo Marchiony of New York may have patented the first machine for the making of the waffle cone in about 1903. And, ice cream’s status as a very American dessert was made official during WWII when Mussolini banned the sale of ice cream in Italy, seeing it as a symbol of America.

Dogs Love It, Too

Understanding the influence that inventors from right here had on the ice cream industry might make you love it even more. But, don’t leave you-know-who – your dog – out of the fun and cool deliciousness. So, as we bore into the hot month of July, remember that they enjoy a cool and tasty summer treat

as much as we do.

There are a few ingredients in popular ice cream flavors that are not good for dogs (chocolate and raisins, for example are major no-no’s for dogs).

But, having a healthy version of this sweet summer treat around will do both of you a lot of good. Here’s to equal ice cream rights for all!

“Cloud Nine” Ice Cream For Dogs

Ingredients: 1 ripe banana, 1 cup of peanut butter, 2 cups of natural plain yogurt, 2 tbsps. of honey. Instructions: Mash the banana and then stir it into the natural yogurt; warm the cup of peanut butter using a microwave or stove; add the banana, yogurt mixture and honey to the soft peanut butter and mix until everything is combined. Make the ice cream as you normally would, with an ice cream maker or by freezing and mixing as it hardens. (Add sweeteners for humans.)

P.S. Dog ice cream is making its way “across the pond.” A London dog ice cream truck (photos shown here) serves its customers two varieties – “Dog Eat Hog World” (ham and chicken sorbet topped with a biscuit) and “Canine Cookie Crunch” (mixed dog biscuits and ice cream). The truck also broadcasts the Scooby Doo theme song as a signal to dogs that they are in the area. Woof! Woof!

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Contemporary Line Dance

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New! Lyme Support Group

First Tuesdays, on-going, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Ages 18 & up)

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Thursdays during the summer (6/16-8/25), 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Ages 5 & up) Class meetings are divided into three sections: a 30 minute warm up, a one-hour themed lesson, and 90 minutes free play. Lessons will center mainly on positional evaluation and the importance of piece activity. All levels of expertise are welcome.

Monthly Lunch & Movie –The Rabbit-Proof Fence

Friday, July 8th, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (Ages 55 & up)

Please order your meal by calling the reservation line at 571-258-3459 before noon on Thursday, July 7.

Excursion with Ken - Tour of Patsy Cline's Home, Winchester

Wednesday, July 13th, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Ages 55 & up)

The fee for visiting the home is \$7.00. Please have the exact change. Registration closes July 6.

Summer Supper Club - Hunter's Head Tavern, Upperville. (Ages 18 & up)

Thursday, July 14, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Transportation is \$6, dinner is extra. Registration closes July 7.

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Tuesdays (Six-week class begins July 19), 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. (Ages 55 & up) \$48.

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July Lunch Bunch - Cracker Barrel, Winchester

Wednesday, July 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Ages 55 & up) Registration closes July 13.

Body Sculpting

Mondays and Wednesdays 7/25 to 8/17, 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Ages 15 & up) \$67.

Senior Day at the County Fair

Thursday, July 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. (Ages 55 & up) Play bingo, marvel at the various animals and enjoy the many fairground food offerings. Registration closes July 21.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Last Thursdays, on-going 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Ages 18 & up)



Purcellville Mayor To Stage Side Chat

Wednesday July 13, Carver Center 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser will be hosting a stage side chat at Carver Center on Wednesday, July 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The purpose of this discussion forum, to which all residents and neighboring residents are invited, is to hear from the citizens on all matters concerning Purcellville. It's an opportunity to openly voice issues, concerns, ideas, and solutions.

Can You Spot The Timber Rattler?



Photo by Ed Felker Shenandoah National Park

Registration Open For Ida Lee's Fall NFL Flag Football

Ida Lee's Fall 2016 NFL Flag Football League will begin with player evaluations on Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31. Players must be registered by Tuesday, July 26, to participate.

This fall, Ida Lee's Leesburg NFL Flag Football House League will have the following age groups: 6-7; 8-9; 10-11; 12; and 13-15 year-old divisions. Teams will be selected and formed through a draft process after the player evaluations. The league schedules seven regular season games

for each team, followed by playoff games to determine champions in each age division. Games will begin on September 10 and the season will end on November 12.

Cost per player is \$140, with an early-bird rate of \$120 for registration before July 1. To register, visit www.leesburgva.gov/flagfootball or contact Ida Lee Park Recreation Center at 703 777-1368. If you are interested in coaching a team, contact Andrew Kim, Flag Football Manager at 703 771-2778 or akim@leesburgva.gov.

Rummage Sale Trailers Open July 9

78th Annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale Ready For Donations

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital is officially accepting donations for the annual Rummage Sale. The first donation day of the season will be on Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Inova Loudoun Hospital, 44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg, and at Inova Loudoun Medical Campus – Leesburg, 224 Cornwall Street. Red balloons will direct traffic to the specially designated trailers. The Ladies Board will host other Donation Days this summer: August 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., September 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and October 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The public can donate items and email RummageLadies@gmail.com or call 703-771-2985 for more information.

Tax receipts are provided and all the money raised goes to support Ladies Board projects in the community. The Ladies Board raises several hundred thousand dollars each year toward special needs equipment at Inova Loudoun Hospital and pledged 1 million for the Cornwall Cares project. The Ladies Board annually awards more than \$100,000 in nursing scholarships.

JULY 2016 EVENTS

- ☉ **July 8 through July 17, Valiant Warrior Quilting**, 210 N. Maple Avenue, Purcellville. Materials and tools provided to make quilts for wounded warriors. No experience required, learn from experienced quilters. Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ☉ **July 9, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Frisbee Dog Competition**, 16 South Berlin Turnpike in Lovettsville.
- ☉ **July 9, Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Safe Sitter Classes**, Inova Loudoun Hospital Landsdowne Campus, 44045 Riverside Parkway. \$70 fee includes student handbook and snacks. Students may bring a lunch or buy lunch in the cafeteria.
- ☉ **July 9 and July 10, Saturday and Sunday, From the Front Lines to the Hone Front: Oatlands and World War II**, hosted by Oatlands Historic House and Gardens.
- ☉ **July 9, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Bluemont's Summer Concert Series** — Mary Ann Redmond Band, 15 South Madison Street, Middleburg. Concertgoers encouraged to bring lawn chair, blanket and picnic basket. \$5.
- ☉ **July 9, 7:30 to 12:00 p.m., Yard Sale** to Benefit Empowerment Programs for Inclusive Communities (a non-profit for young adults with disabilities), 504 E Market Street, Leesburg.
- ☉ **July 10, Sunday (and all second and fourth Sundays through September), Traditional Irish Jigs** at Corcoran Brewing Company, 205 E. Hirst Road, Purcellville.
- ☉ **July 11, Monday, 7:30 a.m., Coffee with a Cop**, Opportunity to meet with Purcellville police officers in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues and build relationships. Held at the McDonalds at 121 North Maple Avenue.
- ☉ **July 11 through July 15 (ages 11 to 14) and July 25 through July 29 (ages 4 through 6), Blue Ridge Wildlife Center Summer Camp**, 930 Tilthammer Mill Road in Boyce on the Burwell-Van Lennep Foundation Property. The July 11 camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; the July 25 camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$35 per child per day.

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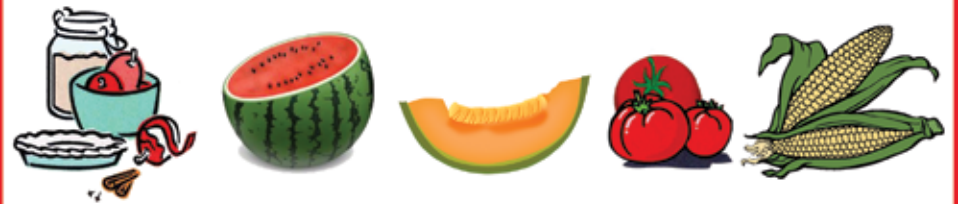
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Tickets: \$20 All Seats Reserved Seating www.franklinparkartscenter.org

GALLERY COFFEEHOUSE: MADDY CURTIS AND CALEB NEI Sun, July 10 6:30PM

(Ages 16 & up) Caleb creates masterful piano solos as Maddys' vocals bring a sincerity and tone that should not be missed. Their set of jazz and blues tunes makes for a most lovely evening. Coffee include, in a real mug.

Tickets: \$8 per person Pay at Door

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Fri, July 22 11:00AM & 1:00PM (two performances)

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Tickets: \$5 per person
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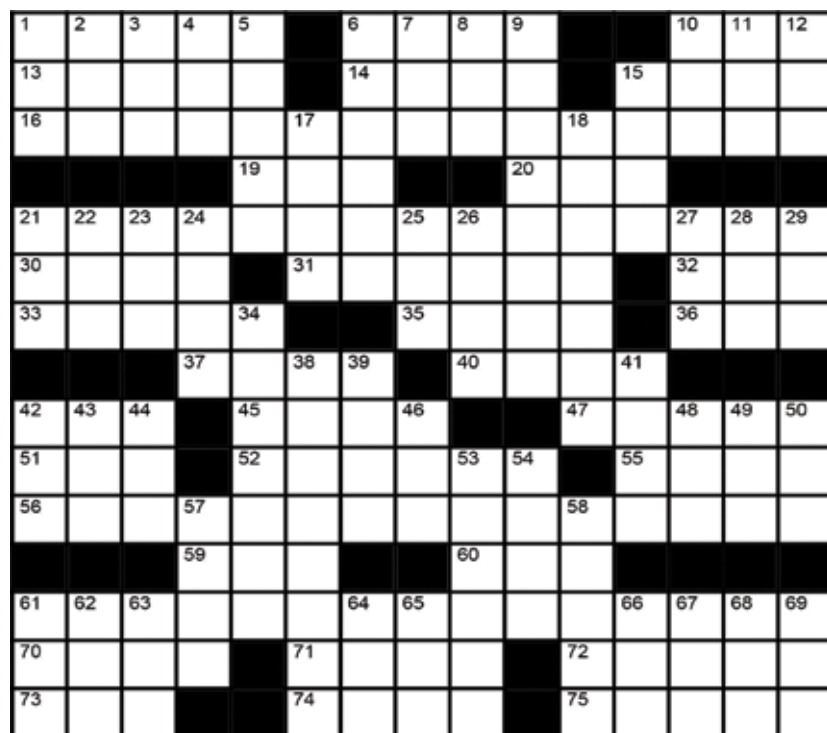


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ISMS

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ACROSS

1. Guitar attachment
6. ___ cut
10. Lund or Cavet
13. It often contains a seasonal reference
14. Son of Rebekah
15. Notice
16. Philosophical belief
19. Bearded beast
20. It'll never fly
21. Attitude on the job
30. Coin with 12 stars on it
31. Court contest
32. ___ Getz ("Lethal Weapon 2" role for Joe Pesci)
33. Come again
35. Cape
36. Race unit
37. Red ink amount
40. Hot pot
42. Astern
45. Certain typeface
47. Saw
51. ___ maison (indoors): Fr.
52. Dessert toppers
55. Rajah's mate
56. Dedication to improving man's welfare
59. It has moles: Abbr.
60. Carbonium, e.g.
61. Personal appeal
70. Mouselike animal
71. Frown
72. Heart single
73. "___ Time transfigured me": Yeats
74. Cartoon bear
75. Striplings

DOWN

1. Cow or sow
2. Custom
3. Swindle, slangily
4. Archaeological site in Mexico
5. Rid of sin
6. Addle

7. Full of: Suffix
8. Blanched
9. Certain musician
10. Kind of particle
11. Good times
12. Sock hop locale
15. Jewish month
17. Research facility: Abbr.
18. Put together
21. The "p" in r.p.m.
22. Bewail
23. Mythical monster
24. Unfair?
25. B & B
26. Half of binary code
27. Down
28. Yellow, for one
29. Floor cleaner
34. Deciduous trees
38. In a convivial manner
39. Open, as an envelope
41. Previsé
42. "Won-der-ful!"
43. Bird ___
44. Flat hat
46. Kind of test
48. Clavell's "___-Pan"
49. Starfleet Academy grad.
50. Headlight setting
53. African talisman
54. Municipality in France
57. Height
58. Concerning
61. Hail, to Caesar
62. NATO member
63. French Guiana's Royale, e.g.
64. Jersey call
65. Calendar abbr.
66. Piece of pipe
67. Elvis Presley's "___ Lost You"
68. Capitol Hill V.I.P.: Abbr.
69. "___ Miniver"

Answers on page 38

Purcellville And Bush Tabernacle Offering Free Movie And Skating Nights

The Bush Tabernacle Teen Center and The Town of Purcellville are offering free movie and skating nights on Wednesdays from June 22 through August 24. The Bush Tabernacle skating rink (located at 250 S. Nursery Ave, Purcellville) is set up with hundreds of comfy padded chairs so the entire family can enjoy a movie and night out in comfort. The movies start at 7 p.m. and are immediately followed by free skating until 10 p.m. Popcorn, pizza, candy, and drinks are available for purchase; no outside food is permitted.

The movies for the 2016 season are: (1) June 22 — Inside Out; (2) June 29 — Norm of the North; (3) July 6 — Pan; (4) July 13 — Minions; (5) July 20 — Max; (6) July 27 — The Good Dinosaur; (7) August 3 — Hotel Transylvania; (8) August 10 — Mall Cop 2; (9) August 17 — Open Season Scared Silly; and (10) August 24 — Cinderella.

Dr. Mike, continued from page 2

them everywhere. From summer camp, to birthday parties and to bed, she wants to be Belle, or Anna or Elsa, or Snow White or Rapunzel or Sophia the First, etc. It's not a big deal most of the time, but sometimes it's not appropriate, like when she ruined one of her favorite costumes on the playground last week. Every time my husband or I try to redirect her or explain why she can't wear her costumes or dress up at certain times, she has humungous temper tantrums. Everything is princess and all of the time. Any thoughts on how to turn a princess back into a normal little girl?

Concerned Parent

Concerned Parent,

Actually, at 4 years of age, your daughter's desire to be a princess is very normal, but I understand your frustration. Setting limits with children isn't always an easy thing to do, especially when a child is very passionate about something and "no" is hard to accept. Perhaps you could start by agreeing with your daughter on the types of places where it's "okay" for her to celebrate her princess self and places where it's "not okay." For the places where it's not okay, I recommend coming up with an action plan. For instance, your daughter and you could

agree to have a costume or two on hand, and she could dress up either before or after a "not okay" event or activity. Planning ahead of time and getting your daughter involved and excited should help (e.g., you could help her pick out her costume and fold it nicely to keep in the trunk of the car if you are going somewhere). You could also come up with princess alternatives with your daughter where she could take her Barbie or a doll or a princess storybook in tow. She could also watch a downloaded princess movie or movie clips on an iPad or phone when it isn't possible for her to dress up.

As frustrating as your princess conflicts can be at times with your daughter, take comfort in knowing that this is a phase that will pass. And remember to enjoy this precious time with your daughter because these sorts of moments go by fast.

Michael Oberschneider "Dr. Mike" is the founder and director of Ashburn Psychological and Psychiatric Services. He has been featured on Good Morning America, CNN and other popular media spots as a mental health expert. He has received the Washingtonian Magazine "Top Therapist" honor for his work with children and teens. Go to AshburnPsych.com or call 703 723-2999.

Charlie Clark, continued from page 27

Charles P. Clark, a World War II veteran and a beloved member of the Purcellville community ... People like Mr. Clark uphold the freedom and the values for which this country stands, and I am honored to recognize him today for his life of service, kindness, and dedication to our great nation. We are fortunate to have citizens like Mr. Clark who positively impact so many people." **From Charmaine N. Montgomery:** "... I was saddened by the passing of my great, great Uncle Charlie. I will never forget you and the stories you told me when I was younger. Thank you for being an American Hero." **Barack Obama:** *The President met Mr. Charlie on the campaign trail in 2012, and recognized him for being Loudoun County's oldest surviving WWII veteran. Obama asked Charlie how long he had lived in Loudoun. "Well," said Charlie, "on the 23rd of this month I will have lived here for one hundred and five years." Pondering that enormous length of time the President asked Charlie. "What's your secret?" But, Charlie offered no answer to the president's question, as far as we know ...*

Walter Owens: "Charlie was a quite

spirited person ... At 108 years old his memory was extremely sharp. He could recall the 19 Presidents in numerical order recognizing President Roosevelt [as having been] in 12 office for years ... I visited Charlie for two years ... I notice he had a sense of humor [and he] was a very kind person. While he was an insurance agent collecting premium from his customers I saw ... occasions when his customers were short or had no money to pay their premiums. Charlie would reach in his pocket and pay the premium and give that customer a receipt. I asked him what was his secret to longevity? He said, live right, take it one day at a time and enjoy live ... don't worry, be happy."

Khamron Willis: "I only met Uncle Charlie once at my family's reunion in 2005. I was five years old then and he was the oldest person I had ever seen. I did not get to go to his birthday party. Everything I know about Uncle Charlie is because of the things I was told about him by my Mom and Grandma."

Special thanks and love to Charlie's niece, Elaine Thompson, for helping me to collect these beautiful memories of him.

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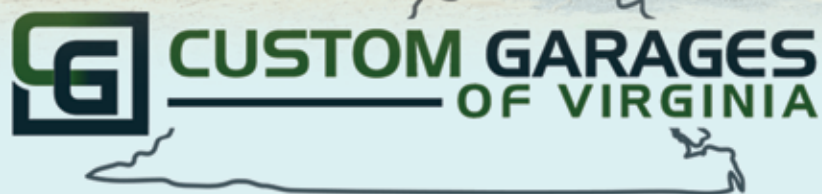
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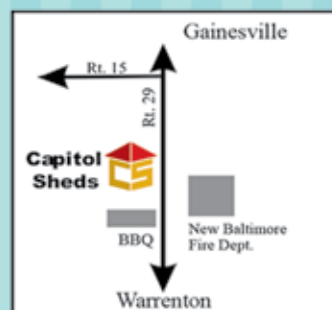
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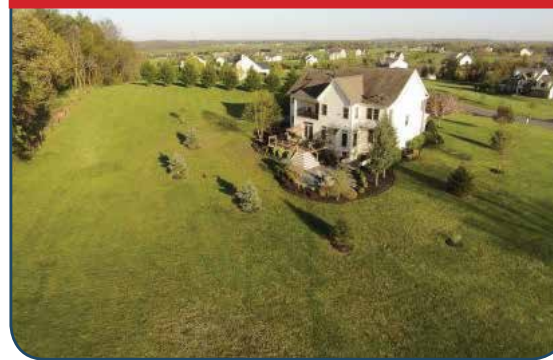
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